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*A Genealogical Survey*

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## IN MEMORIAM

When quite young Ella Veronica Millings evinced a keen interest in the history of her forbears and throughout all her years, though other matters necessarily demanded the greater part of her time, at every opportunity she sought to learn more and more about "her people." Boxes of newspaper clippings and letters from all sections of this country and from Europe attest her persistency in carrying on her self-imposed task, at which she lovingly labored until suddenly touched by the cold hand of death. It was my privilege, as her husband, to act as her amanuensis, and at the time of her death the information gathered over a long period was practically all in manuscript, needing but little more editing and the compiling of an index.

The greatest handicap in genealogical work is the dearth of recorded births, marriages, and deaths. Many family Bibles and papers became lost or destroyed, and many persons did not bother to record these events. Thus, much data in this work has been supplied from memory as handed down orally by members of the families who have now crossed over the river. Putting the material together the author followed closely the spelling of names as they were given her.

The dearest wish of Mrs. Orvin was to put the history of her family in a book before she died, but Fate decreed otherwise. I, her husband for forty-five years (lacking twelve days), have completed the editing of the manuscript, without altering the text, and offer it to the descendants of Gotlieb Avinger in her memory.

M. CLAYTON ORVIN.



## PREFACE

Shortly before her death in June, 1960, the author of this genealogical sketch wrote the following:

A preface to a work of this nature is hardly necessary but it may be well to follow custom. For fifty years I was a member of Charleston Chapter No. 4, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and was a page at the Charleston convention in 1904. In 1952 I organized and became the president of Avinger Chapter No. 2187, U.D.C., and have been the president ever since, the members each year honoring me by refusing to consider my retirement. I am a life member of the Benevolent Society of Charleston; a charter member and a former trustee of the Dames of the Court of Honor, South Carolina Division; a member of the Daughters of American Colonists; a member of the Charleston Society for the Aged, and several historical societies.

In 1941 I completed the self-given chore of organizing living members of Avinger and related families into a society, with the principal object of taking care of the scattered family cemeteries. Annual meetings were held in Vance and Parler until gasoline was so restricted during World War Two that it became impossible for members to come from Texas and other far away places. A list of descendants who were called into service during this war was recorded in the minutes. At the organization meeting Mrs. Gladys Avinger Rhame was elected president and I accepted the post of secretary. The meetings were well attended, at which always good dinners were served. This society has not been disbanded, but times have changed and it is now hard to get folks together.

In my quest for information about the Avinger and related families I was encouraged and helped by many persons, some of whom have passed away. Among my many helpers were Mrs. Mary Parler Singletary, Mrs. Georgiana Rhame Joiner, Mrs. Ira Hart, of Holly Hill, S. C.; George M. Norris, Miss Ida Avinger, Mrs. Kate Avinger, of Vance, S. C.; Col. D. K. Norris, of Cateechee, S. C.; Attorney Pelham Felder, Jr., of Orangeburg, S. C.; Dr. Pelham Felder, Sr.; Mrs. Elizabeth

Shuler, of Elloree, S. C.; Mrs. Frank Felder Hill, of St. Matthews, S. C.; Major Harry A. Davis, of Washington, D. C.; Ernest Moorner, of Anderson, S. C.; Mrs. Richardson, of Sumter, S. C.; Attorney Sam Royal and his brother William Norris Royal, of Florence, S. C.

In addition to letters and visits to the homes of these persons I have searched available records for information, including the "History of the Norris Family of Maryland," by Myers; the Congressional Library and Census Office at Washington, D. C.; the mesne conveyances, probate and general court offices in Charleston and other counties; the South Carolina Historical Society of Charleston; the Charleston Library Society; the New England Historic and Genealogical Society; the Georgia Historical Society, and tombstones in old graveyards.

In conclusion let me say that while this work has been costly and time-taking it has been a source of great pleasure for me, and I sincerely hope that living members of these related families will derive some benefit in reading the book.

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MRS. ELLA VERONICA MILLINGS ORVIN





## GOTLIEB EBINGER

The progenitor of the American branch of the Avinger family was Gotleb (Gotlieb) Ebinger, who came to South Carolina in 1766.

At a meeting on October 17, 1766, the Grand Council of the Province of Carolina considered several petitions, including one from Gotleb Ebinger, setting forth that the signers were "Protestants arrived in the province in the ship *Brittania* from Amsterdam on the encouragement and Bounty given in the Act of the General Assembly passed the 25th. July 1761—", and praying that they be granted lands between the Broad and Savannah rivers. The Grand Council ordered "that the Secretary do prepare Warrants of Survey as prayed for by the petitioners." In accordance with this order Gotleb Ebinger received a grant for one hundred acres of land on the south side of Congaree River, on a branch thereof called Sandy Run. In 1793 he acquired a tract of three hundred acres of land on Horse Range, waters of Four Holes Swamp.

The above mentioned petitions also includes Daniel Keller, who was granted two hundred and fifty acres; Jacob Geysler, two hundred and fifty acres; Peter Keller, two hundred and fifty acres, etc.

Phonetic spelling soon changed Gotleb to Gutlip and to Cutlip. That he accepted the change is shown by his use of both of these new names in papers signed by him. The surname also appears spelled in various ways. I find it to be an old Friesland name, Aebinga, in the eleventh century. During the Reformation the family migrated to Switzerland and there became Aebiger. Later they returned to Holland and then came to America, where the name became Ebinger, Ebenger, Evinger, and finally Avinger. In the body of an old title in the possession of the writer the name is spelled Evinger and the signature is spelled Avinger.

Gutlip Avinger was one of the petitioners for a charter for the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Amelia Township under



the thirty-eighth article of the Constitution of 1778 which allowed religious denominations other than the Church of England to incorporate. Also among the petitioners were John Hoofman (Huffman), John Parler, and Leonard Rast. The charter was granted on February 29, 1788.

During the American Revolution Gutlip Avinger served under Brigadier General Marion, Colonel Mydleton, and Colonel Henderson. At different times he served in companies commanded by Captain Tate and Captain Moses Vance. At the battle of Eutaw he was captured by the British. His son, Laurence, who was twelve years old the day after the battle, often related how when the battle was over he hitched an ox to a wagon and he and his mother drove to the battlefield looking for his father, whom they feared had been killed or seriously wounded as he had not returned home as he usually did after taking part in an engagement. At the battlefield they were told that Gutlip had been taken prisoner and sent to Charleston, so they drove to that city, where they were told that all prisoners of war had been sent to St. Augustine, Florida. When the slow moving ox finally got back home they found Gutlip there attending to the farm work. He had managed to escape on the way to Charleston and had returned home,—to find his wife and son absent.

B. J. Lossing, in his "Pictorial History of the American Revolution," states that it was three miles from Avinger's home to Burdell's Tavern where the American army encamped the night before the battle and ten miles from his home to Eutaw Springs, where the battle was fought.

In his historical novel "Eutaw" William Gilmore Sims gives the location of the Avinger home, and has Major Willie Sinclair's servant, 'Bram, who was guiding the Travis ladies from danger, describe Mrs. Avinger as "a person highly respected, a devout Christian, a sad, broken-hearted woman, but strong, calm, stern—one whose age, peculiar character, and sorrows, had saved her somewhat from the brutal usages of such a war as the country had witnessed, — a true patriot, upon whose faith and friendly offices they could confidently rely." Mr. Sims adds that "she was the good Samaritan of the precinct who poured balsam equally into the wounds of friends and foes—who ever needed. . . . Her natural dignity of bearing, free



from pride or insolence, compelled respect; her mild regard, manner, and language, won it; her tones of voice secured it; and, altogether, the strangers felt themselves quite as much at home with her in twenty minutes, as if they had known her for twenty years. Her house was kept in excellent order. The hall was whitely sanded: a little bookcase of pine, without doors, stood upon a shelf, and held a dozen volumes."

Mr. Sims wrote that after Mrs. Travis and her daughter, Bertha, had been welcomed by Mrs. Avinger 'Bram advised hiding the carriage and horse, and then warned the ladies:

"You see, Mrs. Trabis, de house hab two 'tories; bes' you and Miss Bert'a keep up 'tars, so long as you guine 'tay yer." This was said in the presence of Mrs. Avinger, who said: "The advice is good ladies; I sometimes have very wild visitors. They do not trouble me, since I have nothing much to plunder; and they know me."

"An hour had not passed before they had proof of the wisdom of all these precautions. They heard the gallop of a horse approaching the house." Mrs. Avinger "hurried down stairs and took her knitting in her lap by the firelight. Her eyes were good. . . . The door was thrown open, and who should appear upon the threshold, but the very person who was so much dreaded—Hell-fire Dick himself. . . . She was not surprised to see him doff his cap as he entered. He had always shown a greater degree of reverence for her than for anybody else. . . . She spoke to him civilly, and he walked in and seated himself by the fireside; and did this as courteously as it was possible to such an untutored monster."

" 'Well, Mrs. Avinger, you're well, I see; and I'm glad to see it. Here, I've brought you a little sack of salt—I thought you'd like it. It's a mighty scarce article.' "

" 'I thank you very much, Mr. Andrews. It is a very scarce article. I have tasted none for months.' "

" 'And . . . I don't bring salt for nothing; I wants to trade on it. . . . I wants one of your books there. I knowed you had books, and I come for one of 'em; and ef you're not for giving, I'll hev to take it, whe' you will or not.' "

" 'Oh! that you shall not do, Mr. Andrews. I will cheerfully give you one of my books—a good book—one of the best I have.' "



She gave him a copy of "Pilgrim's Progress" which she had given to her son Augustus as a birthday present before he was killed by the very man to whom she now gave the book.

In "Eutaw" it is also related that Sinclair and his men were on a mission in that section when he was informed that the Travis ladies were at the Avinger home, and that his father and sister were also there after a misadventure. He had just received despatches from General Marion and President Rutledge commanding his immediate return to the brigade but he determined to visit his relatives and his fiance. He called in a couple of his lieutenants and instructed Mazyck to take ten men and scout along the road above and to rendezvous in two hours at "Mrs. Avinger's." Postell was to take another ten men on the road below, and he told both "watch well and keep to time." After issuing further orders he and Pierre St. Julien rode on.

Under 'Bram's guidance they soon reached Mrs. Avinger's. The baron lay drowsing upon his sofa. Carrie Sinclair was in her chamber, in her bed, still suffering from the terrors of her experience, and Mrs. Travis was attending her. Mrs. Avinger was in the kitchen, and St. Julien lingered in the piazza as Sinclair darted in.

Again, when the picturesque girl Nelly Floyd was shot when Sinclair penetrated the "secret domain of Muddicoat Castle" we find him instructing one of his men to "'Go the widow Avinger's, get my father's carriage, or that of Mrs. Travis. Put a feather-bed in it, and bring it as close to our halting place as you can; and as rapidly as you can.'" He told the man to get a surgeon if he could and to return at "wing speed." He had helped stanch Nelly's wound, but could do no more.

At noon, the carriage has reached the boundaries of Muddicoat Castle, and by means of a litter Nelly has been borne across the swamp. She is put upon the mattress in the carriage and Bertha Travis takes a place beside her. And with all tenderness she is thus carried over the untrodden ways, until they reach the house of Mrs. Avinger where, shortly afterwards, she passes away.

It is recorded in the "Minutes of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church" that the vestry met on April 1, 1815, and discussed plans for building a church on a piece of land donated by



Colonel Heatly lying between the Congaree River and Huger's Road. After appointing William J. Mydleton, Edward Richardson, and William S. Thomson a committee for building the church they adjourned to meet again the first Saturday in May "at Major Avinger's." Accordingly, they met at Major Avinger's on Saturday, May 8, 1815, with the following present: James Lovell, chairman; Andrew Heatly, William Vance, and William J. Mydleton. ("Minutes of the Vestry of St. Matthew's Parish, South Carolina 1767-1838," edited by A. S. Salley).

An interesting document in the possession of the writer is the original grant to Gutlip Ebinger for three hundred acres of land on Horse Range, Waters of Four Holes Swamp, dated September 2, 1793.

On March 19, 1832, Laurence Avinger purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres of the two hundred acres whereon Gutlip Ebinger lived and after his death fell to his heirs. The other seventy-five acres were bought by Mallard Scott, who agreed to a dividing line with Laurence Avinger. This tract of land was originally granted to Thomas Douglas.

Gutlip Avinger was married several times. His first wife was Mary Horlbeck, the mother of Laurence, John, Henry, and one who may have been the Edward Avinger listed as handling marine insurance in the city of Charleston in 1798, but of whom there is no other record. His last wife was also named Mary, and she survived him.

The United States census of 1790, page 98, shows:

Cutlip Ebenger 2 males in the family over 16 years of age  
3 males in the family under 16 years of age  
1 female

In 1820 the census, on page 352, lists in Orangeburg County:

Cutlip Ebinger 1 male, no females  
3 slaves

An act passed by the South Carolina legislature on October 14, 1831, volume IV, page 430, reads:

*Be it enacted*, by the Senate, and the House of Representatives, that all right, title and interest, which the State may have in the property and estate of Mary Avinger, widow of Gutlip Avinger, late of St. Matthew's parish, deceased, and who died without heirs, as it is

said, be vested in the heirs at law of the said Gutlip Avinger, to be partitioned among them according to the provisions of the statute of distributions.

The tract of three hundred acres of land granted to Gutlip Avinger in 1793 was conveyed by him to his son Laurence before he died.

Author W. Gilmore Sims, in his "Eutaw", declares that "the material for this truthful chronicle" was gathered while he was on visit to Major Sinclair's home at Eutaw Springs, about 1830. At the time he was there Mary Avinger was a widow, but she was his last wife, Gutlip having died shortly after they were married. The Mrs. Avinger of the time Mr. Sims wrote about was not a widow; she was Gutlip's first wife and the mother of Laurence. Gutlip was alive in 1820, and the U. S. census says "no females."

Very few families about Providence, Holly Hill, Vance, Felderville, Parler, Santee, Elloree, and Creston, from Four Holes Swamp to the Santee River, in South Carolina, are not related in some way to the descendants of Gutlip Avinger. They have been bankers, lawyers, doctors, school teachers, merchants, and planters, and in military annals they are listed both as privates and officers in the armed forces. Ever since the post office at Vance was established it has been in the hands of the Avinger family.

Gutlip Avinger's descendants, of many names, are traced down through the War Between the States, during which some died in Northern prisons and on battlefields, and others came back home to help rebuild the South, to fight another battle with scalawags and carpetbaggers. All of them did their duty during the terrible Reconstruction Period side by side with other wearers of the famous Red Shirts. In subsequent wars, and in peace times between, his descendants have been with the defenders of freedom and are numbered with civic leaders of their state and nation.

In the book "Original List of Protestant Emigrants to South Carolina, 1763 to 1773," compiled by Jane Revill, page 13, is listed:

"Journals of Council 30, 42-45  
Meeting of 2 March 1764.



Read the petitions of the following poor Protestants lately arrived from Germany:

	Acres		Acres
Peter Horlbeck	100	John George Ruppell	100

Ordered, that the Secretary do prepare Warrants of Survey for the land prayed for in Belfast Township and the Clerk of the Council do issue Certificates for them to receive the bounty as prayed for by the Petitioners."

On page 33—

"Council of Journal 30 page 348  
Meeting of 9th November 1764.

Read the petition of

Margaret Sheriff,  
John Horlbeck, etc.

Setting forth they were Protestants lately arrived and prayed for 100 acres of land in Boonesborough or Belfast and the Bounty allowed by the Act of the General Assembly passed the 25th day of July, 1761.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor informed them that the said act was expired and it was ordered that their petition be rejected, but they were told that they might have land on their Family Rights paying their fees, which they declined accepting."

On page 60:

"Council of Journal 32, page 842-846  
Meeting of 17th, October 1766.

The Petitions on the Bounty were presented and read, viz:

	Acres		Acres
Daniel Keller	250	Jacob Geysler	150
Adam Gutt	200	John Jacob Bellinger	200
Hans George Patt	150	Johannes Pelzer	100

Gutlip Avinger died after 1820, leaving three children:

- 2 I Laurence Avinger (2).
- 3 II Henry Avinger (2)
- 4 III John Avinger (2)

Gutlip Avinger's estate was divided among his heirs: Laurence, Henry, and John. A long list of the appraisal of his estate is in the record office of the Orangeburg court house.

In the office of the Secretary of State is a grant of one hundred acres of land from King George the Third to Gotlieb Abinger, situate on the south side of the Congaree River on a Branch thereof called Sandy Run bounded on all sides by vacant land. It is signed by Lt. Governor William Bull, and is recorded in Grant Book, Volume 20, page 417.

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### LAURENCE AVINGER (2)

(Gutlip Avinger I.)

Born in 1766; died November 26, 1864.

During his boyhood days there were many Indians in the parish of St. Matthew's and young Laurence spent much of his time playing and often fighting with the red-skinned boys. Sometimes they fought so ferociously, rolling about on the ground pummelling and punching each other that when they were separated, or exhausted, the red clay had to be cleaned off before one could be certain as to which race either belonged. At that time the principal garment of Laurence was a home-spun shirt that extended below his knees.

In 1796 Laurence Avinger married Susanah Whitmore, a daughter of Joshua Whitmore, Senior, and a sister of Brigadier General Joshua Whitmore, Junior, Third Brigade South Carolina Militia, who was also a Circuit Court Judge. She was also a sister of Magistrate George Whitmore. Her sister Elizabeth (Betty) Whitmore married Abraham Felder. A copy of the marriage contract between Laurence Avinger and Susanah Whitmore is on another page. The original is among family papers in the possession of the writer.

Her father, Joshua Whitmore, purchased from the State of South Carolina for ten shillings, sterling, one hundred and fifty acres of land in Orangeburgh District, surveyed for him the third day of October, 1785. For the sum of seven pounds four shillings eight pence, sterling, the State granted him three hundred and ten acres, surveyed for him the twenty-ninth day of July, 1788, in Orangeburg District, bounded southeast by Rister's land, southwest and northwest by Baldrick's land,



north by Thos. Curtis's land. He also received a grant for five hundred and sixty acres of land, surveyed for him the twentieth day of April, 1793, in the District of Orangeburgh, on Curtis's Bay and Pen Branch, bounded southwest by Thomas Curtis's and Christian Read's land, Adam Snell's and vacant, northwest by Adam Snell's and Lewis Carne's, northeast vacant, southeast by Joshua Whitmore's and Thomas Moore's, southeast, northeast and northwest by Royster's, southeast and northeast and east by Joshua Whitmore's, S. W. and N. W. by Thomas Curtis's.

On Joshua Whitmore's land there is a graveyard where members of his family were buried until after the Confederate War. Among those buried there are three of his daughters and their husbands: Susanah and Laurence Avinger, Elizabeth and Abraham Felder, and Margaret and George Norris.

On June 24, 1802, Laurence Avinger bought from his brother John Avinger, one hundred acres of land near the head of Horse Range, Waters of Four Holes Swamp, bounded by John Peter Horlbeck to the northwest, all other lands vacant. This title shows the name spelled Evinger in the body and signed John Avinger. (See Book 7, page 384, Orangeburg Clerk of Court Office.)

He received one hundred and eighty-eight acres on Horse Range, surveyed October 19, 1807, bounded to the northeast by Horlbeck's land and Miss Glaze's land, to the southwest by John Taylor's land, and to the southeast by Frederick Dantzer's, Laurence Avinger's, and John Stoudemire's land.

A tract of land containing ninety-three acres was surveyed for him December 17, 1806, at the conjunction of the Monck's Corner Road and the Gaillard Road, and the new road leading to Cap. William Vance's ferry on the Santee River, bounded northwest on Frierson's land, southwest on John McCune's land, southeast and northeast by land granted to George Thompson. On this tract of land he built a tavern, a large two-story house with a wide piazza on three sides, and a wide hall through the center, where he lived and operated a tavern. This tavern is shown on Mills' Atlas of 1820 as "Avinger's Tavern". (See Grant Book C, page 25, Secretary of State Office, Columbia, S. C.)

Because of its convenient location this tavern was a voting place in 1820, as shown in advertisements in the Charleston



Mercury. And in 1830 the voting places were advertised as being at Laurence Avinger's Tavern and Jacob Huffman's Tavern.

It became a popular station for travelers in stage coaches, private carriages, wagons, and horseback riders. Here they found, at reasonable prices, refreshments and lodgings for both man and beast. Later these roads were known as the River Road and the Camden Road. There a toll was collected, and to avoid this travelers would often drive in one road, spend the night and drive out on the other road next morning. This tavern was destroyed by fire in 1856.

In front of this tavern was a large pecan tree of uncertain age. During the time the tavern was in operation this tree was a favorite resting place for customers and visitors. After the tavern was destroyed it was the only thing left to mark the location. To the dismay of descendants of Laurence Avinger this beautiful landmark was cut down by a Mr. Bennett when he acquired the land which had nourished its roots for more than a hundred years.

By a deed dated Jan. 30, 1804, Laurence Avinger acquired a tract of one hundred acres of land from Moses Murray, described as "situate on Batchelor Branch north side of Four Holes Swamp in the District aforesaid, transferred to the said Moses Murray by Robert Fullwood, being part of said Fullwood's Barony, Bounded by a relapsed line of George Murray's, running south by Gaillard's Road and Samuel Crosses land on the north and by lands on the other side belonging to Paul Mitchum and Widow Huff." The consideration was the sum of one hundred Spanish dollars.

By a deed dated September 22, 1809, Cutlip Avinger, planter, for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars conveyed to Laurence Avinger "all that plantation or tract of land containing three hundred acres in the State and District aforesaid on Horse Range Branch waters of Four Holes Bounded N. W. by Wm. Woodle's land, S.E. by Mr. Henderson, all other sides vacant land." This conveyance was signed "Cutlip (his x mark) Avinger" in the presence of Moses Thomson and James S. Tucker, and recorded in the Register Mesne Conveyance Office at Orangeburg in Book No. 9, page 299.



On the same date, Sept. 22, 1809, John McCune transferred to Laurence Avinger a tract of land containing one hundred acres, located on Little Webb's Creek, waters of Santee River, bounded S. W. by land said to belong to Robert Byers and all other sides by vacant land. The price was two hundred and eighty-seven dollars, and the deed was signed in the presence of James Tucker and Cutlip Avinger (by his mark). Dower was signed by Mary McCune. Recorded in Book No. 9, page 300.

Laurence Avinger was a soldier in the War of 1812, under General Jackson, and returned from the war so crippled with rheumatism that he had to be carried into his house. He directed that a rattlesnake be killed and the oil fried out of it to be used as an ointment. It appears that this snake oil effected a cure.

Strayed, or stolen. From the subscriber on Wednesday night last a brown bay Horse, seven years old this spring, about 15 hands high, branded on the mounting side, but the brand not recollected, has been accustomed to drawing in the waggon, and has several marks of the gears. A reward of Fifteen Dollars will be given for a delivery of the Horse, if strayed; and if Stolen, Twenty Dollars for the detention of the Thief. Laurence Avinger near Vance's Ferry, in St. Matthew's Parish. (City Gazette, Feb. 13, 1817.)

It is not of record whether either reward was claimed.

Laurence Avinger acquired much land during his lifetime. In addition to tracts already mentioned, in February of 1814 he bought a tract of land from Moses Thompson adjoining land of James Richbourg, on the south side of the Santee River. The exact number of acres is not clear, but the deed was signed by Moses Thompson on February 2, 1814, and his wife, Mary Thompson, renounced dower thereto on February 10, 1814, before Justice John Carr.

By a deed dated April 12, 1817, William Vance conveyed to Laurence Avinger twenty-seven acres of land, being a part of a tract of four hundred acres granted to Robert Boyers on October 31, 1769, situate in St. Matthew's Parish on the south side of the Santee River "and hath such forms and marks buttings and boundings as the plat annexed represents on



different sides on said Vance's and Avinger's lands, also Richbourg and Davis land." Witnesses to his signature were J. J. Tate and James Long. Dower was signed by Mrs. Frances Vance April 12, 1817. This deed is recorded in the R.M.C. Office, Orangeburg, in Book No. 11, page 83.

We have seen on a preceding page that on March 19, 1832, Laurence bought one hundred and twenty-five acres of the two-hundred acre tract upon which Gutlip Avinger lived, and which upon his death fell to his heirs, Laurence, Henry, and John Avinger. Henry Avinger conveyed his one-third interest to Laurence by a deed dated March 20, 1832, the witnesses to his signature being Robert F. Hayle, John Vance and Daniel Avinger. This deed is recorded in Book 74, page 476. John Avinger had died leaving a minor heir, Mary F. Avinger. On March 19, 1832, Mary F. Avinger, by her guardian Richard Felder, conveyed to Laurence Avinger her one-third interest in the tract. This conveyance is recorded in the same book.

By a deed dated January 10, 1832, Willis Wilkinson and his wife Eleanora Wilkinson conveyed to Laurence Avinger the plantation called "Egypt" containing one thousand and seventy-three acres, bounded to the north by the Santee River, east by lands of John Davis, Laurence Avinger, and D. Avinger, south by V. Thompson's, James P. Bell. The consideration was the sum of two thousand four hundred dollars. The deed was signed by both W. Wilkinson and E. Wilkinson, and subsequently, on January 29, 1832 Eleanora Wilkinson also signed a renunciation of dower. Recorded in R.M.C. Office, Orangeburg, in Book 16, pages 223 and 224.

According to family tradition Laurence Avinger, like most of the planters of his day, was not averse to a bit of grog at times. On one occasion when he had imbibed somewhat too freely he scared the wits out of those around him when he overturned the dining table because the servant did not remove the dishes as quickly as he thought she should have done. This servant, known as Maum Phylis, faithfully cared for him in his declining years when he was deaf and bedridden.

Laurence Avinger died November 28, 1864, nearly one hundred years old. He was buried in the plantation graveyard five miles from Ellore, near Jerusalem Church. This cemetery is located on land at one time owned by the Whitmore

family, now (1960) owned by John Reed Shuler. Laurence's wife, Susanah Whitmore, died in August of 1856.

They were parents of thirteen children:

- I Margaret Avinger (3). Born Oct. 3, 1797; died March 25, 1843.
- II Joseph Avinger (3). Born March 28, 1799. No further record.
- 5 III Mary Avinger (3). Born June 24, 1801.
- 6 IV William Avinger (3). Born Dec. 1, 1802; died Oct. 26, 1877.
- 7 V John Avinger (3). Born Sept. 3, 1805; died Nov. 30, 1854.
- 8 VI Daniel Avinger (3). Born Aug. 8, 1807; died Aug. 11, 1889.
- 9 VII Elizabeth Avinger (3). Born Sept. 16, 1810; died 1889.
- 10 VIII Amelia Avinger (3). Born Jan. 24, 1812; died March 29, 1883.
- 11 IX Peter W. Avinger (3). Born March 6, 1814; died Feb. 27, 1884.
- 12 X Calvin J. Avinger (3). Born Jan. 6, 1816; died Jan. 5, 1865.
- 13 XI Augustus J. Avinger (3). Born Oct. 15, 1818; died Nov. 25, 1889.
- 14 XII Caroline Jane Avinger (3). Born Oct. 2, 1820; died Sept. 20, 1885.
- 15 XIII Susanah V. Avinger (3). Born Nov. 10, 1823; died Feb. 24, 1883.

Laurence Avinger died intestate in 1864 and his personal property was appraised in January, 1865. A sale was held January 25, 1865:

Negroes sold:

Frederick	\$ 8,000.
Rufus	12,000.
Paul	12,500.
Fanny	1,000.

Other property:

Looking glass	\$ 43.
Bedstead and bed	100.



Gun, sold to	
Col. Dave Shuler	250.00
Folding table	26.

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The State of South Carolina

Know all men by these Presents, That I, Laurence Avinger, of St. Matthew's Parish, Orangeburg District and State aforesaid, do make, constitute and appoint my sons Daniel Avinger, and Calvin J. Avinger of the District and State aforesaid, my true and lawful attorneys, for me and in my name and stead, to make effect and execute a partition and division of all my estate, both real and personal, among and between my children, Mary Way, William Avinger, Elizabeth Shuler, Peter Avinger, Augustus J. Avinger, Amelia Norris, Caroline Shuler, Susan Dantzler, and my aforesaid sons, Daniel Avinger, and Calvin J. Avinger, and my grandchildren the children of my deceased son John Avinger, Susanah Hart and Caroline Shuler, so that each of my aforesaid children shall receive the one twelfth (1-12) part thereof, and the children of my deceased son John Avinger together the one twelfth (1-12) part thereof during my natural life, with power also as attorney or attorneys under these for that purpose to make and publish, and to make, execute and deliver all necessary deeds and other writings, and to do all lawful acts for effecting the premises, hereby ratifying & confirming all that my said attorneys or their substitutes do therein by virtue thereof.

Witness my Hand and  
Seal this      day of December  
A D 1856      his  
Laurence X Avinger  
mark

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Sealed and Delivered  
in the presence of

State of South Carolina }  
Orangeburg District    }

Know all men by these Presents, That I, John Avinger of the State and the District above named am held and firmly bound unto Laurence Avinger and Daniel Avinger both of the State and District above mentioned in the full sum of one thousand three hundred and forty eight Dollars to be paid to the said Laurence and the said Daniel or either of them their certain executors administrators or assigns for which payment to be well and truly made I bind myself and each & every of my heirs executors, administrators and assigns firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this 30 day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty one

in the presence of

William Avinger

John Avinger (LS)

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden John Avinger his heirs executors and administrators do and shall and truly make and execute good and sufficient titles to Laurence Avinger and to Daniel Avinger to two pieces of land viz to three hundred and seventy four acres to Laurence Avinger represented by a plat surveyed and made by Joseph Sessions D S marked as No. 3 and dated the 28th day of June 1830 and to Daniel Avinger to three hundred acres marked No. 2 and platted at the same time by the said Joseph Sessions—both the tracts being parts of a purchase of lands by John Avinger from Robert Quarles as one of the heirs of George Robertson in right of his wife and as guardian for the other heirs for thirteen hundred and eleven acres of land situated in St. Matthews Parish near Vances ferry the purchase being made for the benefit of them jointly and when the said John shall have received titles from the said Quarles of his heirs or assigns & shall make titles to Laurence Avinger & to Daniel Avinger to the two pieces of land above named then this instrument to be null & void or otherwise to remain in full force and virtue this thirty day of July one thousand eight hundred & thirty one



in the present of  
William Avinger

John Avinger

(On the back is this endorsement) :

State of South Carolina }  
in the District of Orangeburgh }

Received of Daniel Avinger one hundred and ninety  
one Dollars for part paid for said track of lan contain-  
ing three hundred acres and Received from Laurence  
Avinger two hundred and seven fore Dollars for part  
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seven fore acres of lan

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30 July 1831

John Avinger

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HENRY AVINGER (2)

(Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Henry Avinger was born about 1775. He was one of three  
males under sixteen years of age listed in the United States  
census of 1790. He lived to be as old as his brother Laurence,  
and was the father of about as many children, but a record of  
only three of them can be found. One son remained in South  
Carolina but two of them migrated to Alabama. Many of their  
descendants still live in that State.

Henry Avinger married a Miss Scott, and the three children  
of whom there are records were:

16 I James Henry Avinger (3). Born in 1798.

17 II John Avinger (3). Born in 1816.

18 III Pinckney H. Avinger (3). Born in 1821. He was the  
only one to remain in South Carolina.

4

JOHN AVINGER (2)

(Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born about the beginning of the American Revolution.  
The exact date of his birth is not of record, but he was also  
listed in the 1790 census as a male under sixteen years of age.

A grant dated Dec. 3, 1798, signed by Governor Charles Pinckney, shows: "We have granted, and by these presents do grant unto John Evenger, his heirs and assigns, a plantation or tract of land, containing five hundred acres surveyed for him the 1st. day of June, 1798 Situate in the District of Orangeburgh on the Head of Horse Range Waters of the Four Holes bounded by lines running N. E. and S. E. by land surveyed for William Henderson all others vacant land." He sold this plantation to his brother Laurence.

Another tract of land in this neighborhood, consisting of five hundred and sixty-two acres, was granted to John Avinger June 6, 1808.

He married Harriett Felder, daughter of Henry Felder, (born Sept. 8, 1748), and they had one child before he died, about 1818. After his death his widow married her first cousin, Adam Felder, and in 1835 they moved to Montgomery, Alabama, where she died in September of 1861.

Adam C. Felder's will was probated Dec. 5, 1860. His wife Harriett Felder, their children Adam C. Felder, Lewis E. Felder, Louisa R. Rugeley, wife of William C. Rugeley, were named beneficiaries. Witnesses to the will were Jacob S. Felder, T. R. Baldrick and D. G. W. Paulin.

The only child of John Avinger and Harriett F. Avinger was 19 I Mary Felder Avinger (3). Born Sept. 3, 1817.

## 5

### MARY (MOLSEY) AVINGER (3)

(Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Mary Avinger, daughter of Laurence Avinger, was born March 24, 1801, and died the latter part of 1860. She was generally known as Molsey instead of Mary.

She married Jacob Way and they lived on the road between Gerizm Church and the town of Vance, near the home of her father. Their children were:

20 I Jane Way (4). Date of birth not recorded. She died Sept. 20, 1871.

21 II Susan Elizabeth Way (4). Born July 17, 1838.



22 III Frances Eleanor Way (4). Born Feb. 18, 1841; died July 21, 1921.

IV William Way (4). Born Oct. 23, 1844. No further record.

23 V Manley Way (4).

6

CAPTAIN WILLIAM AVINGER (3)

(Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Born Dec. 1, 1802; died Oct. 26, 1877.

In 1828 he married Mary Catherine Bell, daughter of Benjamin Bell and Catherine Norris Bell. Mary Catherine Bell was born June 21, 1814, and died Oct. 17, 1898.

Residents of his neighborhood who were of the Baptist persuasion, having no house of worship convenient, met and arranged to erect a church through voluntary contributions of money, labor, and material. As his contribution to this enterprise Captain William Avinger volunteered to furnish the labor. Accordingly, with only the assistance of two sons, James and Thomas, he built a small wooden edifice on the Camden Road, which became known as the Corinth Baptist Church. About 1925 this wooden building was replaced by the present brick building, which was erected mainly through the generosity of Captain William Avinger's nephew, George Manley Norris.

For many years Captain William Avinger operated freight and passenger boats on the Santee River and the Santee Canal, one of them being named Emma in honor of one of his daughters.

His wife, Mary Catherine Bell, daughter of Catherine Norris Bell, was a granddaughter of Patrick Norris, a Revolutionary War soldier.

Captain William Avinger took his slaves, and some slaves of his neighbors, to Charleston in 1863 when General Beauregard ordered breastworks to be built on Charleston Neck. A map showing this line of breastworks may be seen in Mayor Courtenay's Year Book for 1880.

He had four sons in the Confederate Army, three brothers, and a number of nephews. One brother was killed in Columbia.



Naturally the wife and mother worked diligently for the Confederate cause; at her home two spinning wheels were constantly in use, one for flax and one for cotton, to provide clothing for the boys in the army. Each week boxes were packed and sent to the army in Virginia, as well as to those in Charleston.

In the Charleston Mercury of December 24, 1851, it is recorded: "Avenger's boat from Vance's Ferry with one hundred and three bales of cotton to Matthews & Roper." In January of 1852: "Avenger's boat to Charleston one hundred (100) bales of cotton; to W. C. Dukes & Son, and Ingram & Webb." February 9, 1852: "Avinger's boat from Vance's Ferry, with one hundred bales of Cotton; to W. C. Dukes & Son and Ingram & Webb." February 29: "Avinger's boat from Vance's Ferry; with 104 bales Cotton, W. C. Dukes & Son, E. H. Rogers & Co., and Glover & Davis." On March 27: "Avinger's boat from Vance's Ferry; with 105 bales Cotton, to W. C. Dukes & Son, and E. H. Rogers & Co."

In 1877 when Capt. William Avinger's body was being taken to Bell's graveyard for burial the whistles of his boats at the ferry sounded a farewell salute in his honor.

Copy of a letter received from the U. S. Post Office Department Sept. 8, 1921:

"The post office at Vance's Ferry, Orangeburg County, South Carolina, was established on December 10, 1827, with Daniel Avinger as the first postmaster.

"William Avinger was appointed postmaster on April 7, 1839, and was succeeded by Daniel Dantzler on March 25, 1852.

"William Avinger was reappointed on December 14, 1874, and his successor, Edward L. Dantzler, was appointed on November 6, 1877, at which time the name of the post office was changed to Vance."

This letter was signed by First Assistant Postmaster-General.

In the Orangeburg Register Mesene Conveyance Office, Book 20, page 292:

Deed from Estate of William Avinger to Irving H. Dantzler. Conveys a tract of land containing 410 acres bounded now or formerly by lands of Mrs. Ann Avinger, Augustus Avinger, Thomas Collier, Thomas L. Dantzler, and the Santee River; being the same land of which the said William Avinger, late of

Orangeburg, died seized in fee simple and possessed and which on his death intestate descended to us as his heirs at law and distributees.

This conveyance was signed by his widow, Mary Catherine Avinger, and his children Thomas Avinger, Ransom Avinger, George Avinger, James Avinger, Emma C. Millings, C. V. Vaughan, and Martha Maree, and dated February 19, 1883.

William Avinger died October 26, 1877. His children were:

- I Augustus Avinger (4). Born Nov. 1, 1829; died Sept. 17, 1836.
- II William Joshua Avinger (4). Born Jan. 14, 1832; died Sept. 1, 1835.
- 24 III James Francis Avinger (4). Born Jan. 6, 1834; died Oct. 3, 1951.
- IV Catherine Susanah Avinger (4). Born Dec. 3, 1835; died Oct. - 1841.
- 25 V Thomas Jefferson Avinger (4). Born Oct. 22, 1838.
- 26 VI George Washington Avinger (4). Born May 22, 1840; died March 25, 1904.
- 27 VII Emma Cornelia Avinger (4). Born March 26, 1842; died Dec. 6, 1913.
- 28 VIII Carolina Virginia Avinger (4). Born Feb. 26, 1844; died in 1911.
- 29 IX Martha Catherine Ann William Avinger (4). Born Dec. 2, 1845.
- 30 X Samuel Drayton Avinger (4). Born Nov. 6, 1847; died Dec. 31, 1877.
- 31 XI Ransome Edward Mahoney Avinger (4). Born June 20, 1849; died Dec. 23, 1902.
- 32 XII Ann Victoria Avinger (4). Born March 29, 1851; died Oct. 27, 1864.
- XIII Paul Benjamin Laurence Avinger (4). Born Sept. 23, 1854; died Oct. 11, 1868.

7

JOHN AVINGER (3)

(Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born Sept. 3, 1805, and died Nov. 30, 1854. He married a Mrs. Jones, whose maiden name was Little. She had



previously married a Mr. Parler, for whom she bore three children: Arnold, Quincy and James Parler. For her second husband, Mr. Jones, she bore one child, a daughter named Sarah Jones. The children of her third husband, John Avinger, were:

33 I Caroline Avinger (4).  
34 II Susan Avinger (4).

8

DANIEL AVINGER (3)

(Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born August 8, 1807, and died August 11, 1889. He was married four times. His first wife was Kate Shulknicht, who bore eight children for him:

- 35 I Hamilton Jacob Avinger (4). Born March 9, 1833.  
II Joshua Avinger (4). Born April 24, 1834; died in Camp Slidell in 1864. He was a lieutenant in the Confederate army. Never married.  
III Allan Avinger (4). Born in November, 1836.  
36 IV Middleton Avinger (4). Born Dec. 30, 1837.  
37 V Alexander Pinckney Avinger (4). Born Oct. 19, 1840.  
38 VI Julia Ann Avinger (4). Born April 28, 1842.  
39 VII Eliza Elizabeth Avinger (4). Born in 1844.  
40 VIII Daniel Joseph Avinger (4). Born Sept. 3, 1847.

Daniel Avinger's second wife was Caroline Thompson. She died Sept. 8, 1868, after giving birth to five children:

- 41 I Susan Margaret Avinger (4). Born Feb. 1, 1855.  
42 II Kitt Laurence Avinger (4). Born Nov. 23, 1859.  
III Jeannette Avinger (4). Born July 26, 1861; died Jan. 26, 1862.  
IV Lula Avinger (4). Born May 24, 1863; died Oct. 16, 1868.  
43 V Ocey Idella Avinger (4). Born Jan. 1, 1866.

Daniel Avinger's third wife was Margaret Dantzler, who died of typhoid fever shortly after their marriage. Daniel's fourth wife was Laura Shuler, who bore five children for him:

- 44 I Ida Avinger (4). Born in 1872.  
II Metta Avinger (4). Born in 1874.  
45 III William Augustus Avinger (4). Born in 1876.

IV George Avinger (4). Born in 1878. He married Ina McNair, daughter of John McNair, wealthy banker of Laurinburg, N. C. He died Feb. 25, 1920.

46 V Walter Avinger (4). Born —. Died Nov. 8, 1921.

During the War Between the States Daniel Avinger was appointed to help care for the poor in his parish, according to a list in the Charleston Courier of February 4, 1863. Others on this board of Relief for Soldiers' Families in St. Matthew's Parish were Dr. Lewis Dantzler, David Livingston, Benjamin Cummings, S. S. Haigler, Lewis Felder, J. J. Wannamaker, and Daniel McKenzie.

Daniel Avinger built a large two-story house on land granted to him in 1848. The house was high enough above the ground that a horse and carriage could be driven under it. At this time the Methodist Church, Gerizm, was already standing in one corner, and is still used as a house of worship. No doubt it was built by the Avinger family, as several were granted land in this locality.

In 1960 the family is still living in this house.

## 9

### ELIZABETH AVINGER (3)

(Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Elizabeth Avinger, third daughter of Laurence Avinger, was born Sept. 16, 1810. She died in 1889.

She married Charles Shuler, son of Adam Shuler, and was the mother of nine children:

I Aurie Shuler (4). She married Paul Stroman, and they moved to Avinger, Texas.

II Adam Shuler (4). Died in a Confederate camp on Cole's Island.

47 III Marcella Shuler (4). She married Warren Thompson.

IV Carrie Shuler (4). Born in 1857. She married, first, Charles Duval, a school teacher at Awendaw, S. C. They had one child:

Minnie Duval (5). She married Robert Waring, son of Clark Waring.

Carrie Shuler married second Albert Evans. They had three children:



- a. Gussie Evans (5). Married Dr. Robert Boykin of Sumter.
- b. Sadie Evans (5). Married B. J. Stevenson of Norfolk Va.
- c. A son who died at the S. C. University at the age of sixteen years.

Carrie Shuler died at Bowman, S. C., April 15, 1934, in the 87th year of her age, and was buried at Providence.

V Rodney Shuler (4). Married Rachel Lane.

VI Pinckney Shuler (4). At age of 17 was killed in Confederate War.

48 VII Laurence Napoleon Shuler (4). Married Mollie Sallie Arant.

VIII Calvin E. Shuler (4). Died in the Confederate service.

IX Quintena Shuler.

## 10

### AMELIA AVINGER (3)

(Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born January 24, 1812, and died March 29, 1883.

At an early age Amelia Avinger became interested in doing all kinds of fancy work and soon became an expert in this field. In the possession of the writer is a beautiful watch-guard artistically made with vari-colored beads which she painstakingly made for her brother, William Avinger. The beads are so arranged that they spell "Remember the giver, Amelia Avinger."

During the War Between the States she sent demijohns of milk and other articles every week to Confederate soldiers in Charleston.

Amelia Avinger was the second wife of George Norris, son of Patrick Norris. She is reputed to have been very proud and haughty in her bearing. She had a private coachman and was often seen riding in a barouche drawn by four white horses.

She died at the home of her son, Col. D. K. Norris, at Center, S. C. Her husband, George Norris, was born April 11, 1784, and died Sept. 25, 1862. Children:

49 I Virginia Norris (4). Born June 16, 1840.

II Thomas P. Norris (4). Born August 31, 1842. He was killed at the battle of Bentonville, N. C., on March 21, 1865.

50 III D. Keating Norris (4). Born Nov. 1, 1844.

51 IV George Manley Norris (4). Born March 1, 1848.

V Joseph Furman Norris (4). Born May 27, 1849; died Feb. 14, 1923. For many years he operated a large furniture store in Charleston, which he purchased from Robert C. Millings. He married Annie Fleming of Charleston. She died in 1910. Both are buried in Magnolia Cemetery, near the entrance gate.

## 11

### PETER W. AVINGER (3)

(Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born March 8, 1814, and died February 27, 1884.

He lived on the Camden Road near the tavern built by his father. On both sides of the road at his place were many large beautiful oak trees which lent an air of enchantment to the site, and it became famous in his day as "Uncle Peter's Avenue."

He was a captain in the S. C. State Militia before the Confederate War, but at the outbreak of this war he enlisted as a private in Co. H, 11th Regt., South Carolina Reserve, C. S. A. He enlisted at Orangeburg on Nov. 7, 1862, and muster rolls from that date to December show him as present. Later rolls have not been located, but he was at Appomatox when General Lee surrendered.

He married the widow of Robert Foxworth, formerly Miss Ann Villeponteaux. Mr. Foxworth at one time operated the famous Forty-Five Mile House, which was known as Martin's Tavern during the American Revolutionary War.

As did practically all women during the War Between the States she spent much time knitting socks and preparing other articles for Confederate soldiers. At one time she knitted a pair of pants for the Negro boy who worked around the yard.

Peter W. Avinger and his wife Ann had only one child, a daughter named Martha Catherine Ravenel Avinger.



Peter died February 27, 1884, and by his will, recorded in the Probate Court for Orangeburg County, left all his property, real and personal, to his wife Ann Avinger. When this property was sold in 1944 it brought the sum of \$45,000.

Their daughter, Martha Catherine Ravenel Avinger, was born March 9, 1839, and died September 5, 1845.

### THE FORTY-FIVE MILE HOUSE

This place is described in the "Upper Beat of St. John's Berkely," written by Frederick A. Porcher in 1868, and published in "Transactions of the Huguenot Society of S. C.," volume 13:

"So called because it was a tavern, and because it expressed the distance from Charleston. This is Barnet's Tavern whence Gen. Greene wrote his despatch announcing the battle of Eutaw Spring. When I was a boy the house was standing on the right (east) side of the road; a long two story frame house kept by a Mr. Faust. In front was an open field where were held musters of the Beat Company. Afterwards the muster ground was changed to Calamas Pond about three miles higher up. The old house was taken down and a new one erected at some distance from it by Mr. Robert Foxworth. But by this time all travel on the road had ceased and it was a house of entertainment only in name. In 1833 the Eutaw State Volunteers, a company raised to support the ordinance of Nullification, selected this as their muster ground and a dinner was furnished by the host. Mr. Foxworth was a genial man, respected by his neighbors. He had two daughters, the elder of whom married Benjamin De-Hay, who removed to York District; the younger to W. Villepontoux of Cooper River. After Mr. Foxworth's death, his widow married Peter W. Avinger, of St. Matthew's."

12

CALVIN J. AVINGER (3)

(Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Born January 6, 1816; died January 5, 1865.

Calvin J. Avinger enlisted in Co. H, 11th Regt., South Carolina Reserves, C. S. A., on November 7, 1862, at Orangeburg, S. C., and served through December of that year. He enlisted a second time on August 1, 1863, in Co. C, 2d Regt. S. C. State Troops, and served until his death. He was buried in the cemetery near Parler, S. C., about five miles from Elloree, in what was once called "Baldrick's Old Field." On his tombstone is this inscription:

"Calvin Avinger, son of Laurence and Susanah Avinger; Born Jan. 6, 1816, and died Jan. 5, 1865. The deceased came to his untimely death while discharging the duty of a soldier in Columbia, S. C., by an accidental shot of a sentinel on post. He was respected by all for his brave conduct while in camp. He belonged to Capt. Moorer's company of Reserves and did arduous duty in Charleston and Columbia guarding prisoners.

Reader pause, reflecting, pass on."

Mrs. Mary C. Avinger, wife of his brother William Avinger, was with him in Columbia at the time of his death.

From the War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., March 4, 1948, the record shows C. J. Avinger, a private in Co. H, 11th Regiment South Carolina Reserves, "90 days (1862 to 1863), Confederate States Army, enlisted 7 Nov. 1862, at Orangeburg. The company muster roll for 7 November to 31 December, 1862, only roll on file, shows him present. No other record of him had been found as a member of that organization."

The records also show that C. J. Avinger was a private in Co. C, Second Regiment S. C. State Troops and present on muster roll of December 31 to February 2, 1864.

## 13

### AUGUSTUS J. AVINGER (3)

(Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Born October 15, 1818; died November 25, 1889.

He enlisted in the Confederate Army on April 18, 1862, at Camp Heyward. He rose to the rank of sergeant in the Third (Palmetto) Battalion, S. C., Light Infantry.



When the war ended, accompanied by his nephew, Samuel Avinger, son of William Avinger, he set out from Appomatox to walk home. Young Sam was in fine fettle and full of mischief, and it is said that he got much fun out of tormenting his uncle by walking behind him and kicking the older man back of his knees, all of which his uncle took good naturedly.

Augustus Avinger was a deacon in Gerizm Methodist Church and kept their records up to the time of his death.

He married Elizabeth Shuler, daughter of Col. Dave Shuler. Their only child, a daughter, died when quite young. Then they adopted a niece, Kate Shuler, a daughter of Dr. Manley Shuler.

War Department records, Washington, D. C., show that Augustus Avinger, private and sergeant of Co. F, Third (Palmetto) Battalion of S. C. Light Artillery, CSA, enlisted April 18, 1862, at the age of 42 years. Company rolls for November and December, 1862, show him present.

## 14

### CAROLINE JANE AVINGER (3)

(Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born October 2, 1820, and died September 20, 1885.

She married Col. Dave Shuler on November 18, 1841. He was born August 21, 1794, and died April 25, 1872. The writer has been told that he was an adopted son of Adam Shuler. Caroline Jane Avinger was his second wife, and they had one child. Caroline and her husband are buried in the graveyard of the First Baptist Church in Orangeburg. Stones mark the graves, with an iron fence around them. Child:  
52 I Virginia (Jinnie) Shuler (4). (See No. 53: W. A. Black.)

## 15

### SUSAN V. AVINGER (3)

(Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born November 10, 1823, and died February 24, 1883.

Susan Avinger married Thomas L. Dantzler, brother of Dr. Lewis Dantzler, and they lived on the road between Gerizm Church and Vance. They had no children.

She was adept with knitting needles and, like other women of her neighborhood, she knitted socks and other clothing for Confederate soldiers. On one occasion she knitted a pair of suspenders (galluses) for her Negro yard boy.

16

JAMES HENRY AVINGER (3)

(Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born in 1798, and died about 1884.

He married Jane Kennedy, who was born in South Carolina in 1818. They moved to Haynesville, Alabama, in 1832, and later to Fort Deposit.

Both are buried in Sand Ridge Cemetery at Fort Deposit. Their children :

I Amanda H. Avinger (4). Born in 1832.

II Jane C. Avinger (4). Born in 1833. She married, first, John Philips, and, second, Mr. Cheatham, a widower of her sister Louisa, who died shortly before Mr. Philips died.

III Sarah N. Avinger (4). Born in 1836. Married David Philips.

IV Idolia Avinger (4). Married a Mr. Coburn, and after his death she married a Mr. Cates. One of her sons, E. E. Cates, lives at Fort Deposit.

V Louisa Avinger (4). Born in 1839. She married a Mr. Cheatham. After her death Mr. Cheatham married her widowed sister, Jane C. Philips.

VI James Henry Avinger (4). He was born in 1841, and died while serving as a soldier in the Confederate Army.

54 VII John Wesley Avinger (4). Born in 1844.

VIII Andrew E. Avinger (4). Born in 1846.

55 IX Orian Kennedy Avinger (4). Born in 1849.

56 X Daniel B. (Dock) Avinger (4). Born in 1851.



## JOHN AVINGER (3)

(Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born in South Carolina in 1816. He married Mildred Martin in December, 1838, and a few weeks later they moved to Bullock County, Alabama, and settled near Union Springs, southeast of Montgomery. They moved to Clairborn Parish, Louisiana, June 10, 1872.

Their children were:

- I Edward Fletcher Avinger (4). Born April 28, 1839; died Sept. 7, 1913.
- 57 II Henry Avinger (4). Born in 1843.
- III Jacob Avinger (4).
- 58 IV Franklin Evans Avinger (4).
- V George Avinger (4). Born about 1844. He died in 1930 in Denver, Colorado, leaving a daughter named Mildred and another child name unknown.
- 59 VI John Pinckney Avinger (4).
- VII Carolin Avinger (4).
- VIII Lucinda Avinger (4).
- IX Absilla Avinger (4).

## PINCKNEY H. AVINGER (3)

(Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Pinckney H. Avinger was born on June 21, 1821, and was the one of Henry Avinger's sons to remain in South Carolina. He served with South Carolina troops in the Confederate Army, and was a corporal when discharged. He married Salena Shulknicht on Nov. 10, 1842. She was born Feb. 14, 1819. Their children were:

- 60 I Lewis Avinger (4). Born March 28, 1845.
- 61 II Roland Jacob Avinger (4). Born March 28, 1847.
- 62 III Caroline S. Avinger (4). Born March 27, 1849.
- IV Catherine Ann Avinger (4). Born Feb. 21, 1851; died May 20, 1881. She married James Griffin.

V Elizabeth Mary Avinger (4). Born Oct. 20, 1853; died Oct. 9, 1860.

VI Patrick David Avinger (4). He died in 1867.

63 VII John Pinckney Avinger (4). Born Sept. 4, 1856.

64 VIII Edward Joseph Avinger (4). Born Jan. 9, 1861. Married Electra Patrick.

19

MARY FELDER AVINGER (3)

(John Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born Sept. 3, 1817, and died Jan. 11, 1881.

In 1831 Laurence Avinger bought part of the tract of land whereon his father died and the conveyance shows that his brother, John Avinger, was then dead and his interest in this land was vested in his only child, Mary Felder Avinger, a minor. Her uncle, Richard Felder, was appointed her guardian and as such conveyed her interest to Laurence.

Mary Felder Avinger married Thomas Richard Baldrick on Nov. 13, 1834, and shortly afterwards moved to Alabama with her mother, Harriett F. Avinger, who had married Adam C. Felder. Her husband, T. R. Baldrick, died in September 1884. Their children were:

I Isabel Harriett Elizabeth Baldrick (4). Born Aug. 17, 1835.

II Georgiana (Dordie) Baldrick (4). Born Dec. 7, 1838.

III Thomas John Baldrick (4). Born March 1, 1843; died May 9, 1843.

IV Mary Avinger Baldrick (4). Born March 30, 1844.

65 V Lewis John James Baldrick (4). Born July 20, 1848.

Harriett F. Avinger's second husband, Adam C. Felder, died in Alabama on November 15, 1860. She died in September, 1861, in Montgomery. They had three children:

a. Adam Christopher Felder, Jr. (5). Born in 1820, and died May 15, 1881.

b. Lewis E. Felder (5). His wife, Lou H. Felder, died April 30, 1858, leaving a son, Elwyn Lewis Felder (6), born Nov. 6, 1857, and died in 1912.



c. Louisa R. Felder (5). She married William C. Rugely, and he died Feb. 15, 1878.

The Holy Bible belonging to Harriett F. Felder is in the possession of her granddaughter, the daughter of W. C. Rugely, Sue Felder Smith, (Mrs. Ralph Colgo Smith), living in Avalon village, Wilmington, California, in 1950. Recorded therein are births and deaths of her children and many grandchildren, which were kindly copied for this writer by Mrs. Smith.

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JANE WAY (4)

(Mary Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

The date of her birth is not of record. She died Sept. 20, 1871.

She married Haskel Moore, for whom she bore three children:

I Haskel Thomas Moore (5). Born in 1858.

II Celestie Moore (5). Born Feb. 24, 1860. Died unmarried March 24, 1937.

III Henry Singleton Moore (5). Born in 1862.

21

SUSAN ELIZABETH WAY (4)

(Mary Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born July 17, 1838.

On December 23, 1870, she married Andrew Houser and bore two children for him:

66 I Effie Ann Houser (5). Born Oct. 31, 1871.

67 II Ida Geraldine Houser (5). Born Aug. 8, 1874.

Susan Way's second husband was the Rev. Isaac Pickett. No children.

22

FRANCES ELEANOR WAY (4)

(Mary Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Frances Eleanor Way was born Feb. 18, 1841, and died July 21, 1921.

She taught school for several years before her marriage to William Durant Moorer. Their children were:

68 I Leila Moorer (5).

69 II William Durant Moorer, Jr. (5). Died in Oklahoma on May 8, 1922.

70 III Ernest Samuel Moorer (5). Died in 1948.

71 IV Vera Eulita Moorer (5).

V Ella Eleanor Moorer (5). A school teacher.

VI Stakely Moorer (5). When about fifteen years old he was drowned while trying to rescue a girl's hat from Cooper River.

## 23

### MANLEY WAY (4)

(Mary Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He married Laura Baxter, and they had five children:

I Jennie Way (5). Married a Mr. Johnson.

II Emma Way (5). Married a Mr. Hines.

III Julia Way (5). Married a Mr. Williams.

IV Russell Way (5). Married a Miss Jones.

V Minnie Way (5). She the first wife of a Mr. Clark who, after death married Ola Hynson, who survived him, and for several years was superintendent of the Enston Home in Charleston, S. C.

## 24

### JAMES FRANCIS AVINGER (4)

(William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born Jan. 16, 1834, and died Dec. 3, 1951.

He married Anna Bailey in 1869. She was born in 1847, and died June 21, 1887. Their children were:

I Mary Avinger (5). Born in September 1870.

II Carrie Avinger (5). Born in 1872.

71-A III Walter C. Avinger (5). Born in 1874. Married Mrs. Leila Tumblin, whose maiden name was Leila Tuesley.



71-B IV Wade Hampton Avinger (5). Born in 1876.

V Samuel Avinger (5). Born in 1878.

In 1861 James Avinger enlisted in Co. E, First South Carolina Regiment, Hampton's Bridage, commanded by Captain John Black. He served throughout the war, his company taking part in many battles, including the Seven Days, around Richmond, Cedar Mountain, Second Manassas, Sharpsburg, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, The Wilderness, Chancellorsville, Culpeper Court House, Jack and James City Church, and Stevensburg.

Like so many other Confederate soldiers he suffered considerably from the cold in Virginia, often not having shoes to protect his feet in freezing weather, his feet sometimes bleeding from the exposure.

For several years after he married he lived in the upper part of South Carolina. In March of 1887 he moved to Cordesville where his mother and two brothers were living. His wife, Anna Bailey Avinger, was well beloved by her mother-in-law, at whose home she died in June of 1887. She was buried in Biggin Church graveyard, near Monck's Corner. After her death James and his children moved to the united plantations of Mount Teresa and Mosquito Hall, containing a total of 864 acres of land. These plantations are near Biggin Church. He then settled down there to the life of a country gentleman, fishing and hunting at will. These two plantations were sold after the death of his mother in 1898, and the proceeds divided among the heirs of his parents, Captain William Avinger and Mary Catherine Avinger. The record of this sale and division may be found in the Clerk of Court's office at Moncks Corner, S. C. The property was bought by Jadon A. and Addington J. Jones for \$1,700.

## 25

### THOMAS JEFFERSON AVINGER (4)

(William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born October 22, 1838.

When a young man he was employed as a train conductor by the South Carolina Railroad, and was probably the youngest conductor in the service of this railroad, which is now a part

of the Southern Railway System. During the War Between the States railroad employees were required to have certificates of exemption, as follows:

“Descriptive List of Thomas J. Avinger

“Age 26 Eyes dark Hair dark Complexion Fair Height 6 feet Where born Orangeburg, S. C. Occupation Conductor Residence Charleston

Office of the General Superintendent

This is to certify that Thomas J. Avinger Charleston District on the South Carolina R. R. Co. Whose descriptive list is given above, has been examined by Major C. D. Melton

Conscript for South Carolina, as an employee on the said R. R. Co., under the provision of the Act of Congress to organize forces to serve during the war. Approved 17th February, 1864, to continue during compliance with the conditions prescribed by the said Act.

This certificate to be produced to the Superintendent during the continuance of said exemption and may be revoked at his discretion. Approved 21st October, by Major Melton, Con'dt Conscript, So. Ca.

Jas. Wood Davidson, A.”

He was appointed to procure fresh meat, to grind corn, and furnish wood during the war for the benefit of the citizens of Charleston, as is shown by documents in the possession of his daughter, Carrie Avinger Murphy, of which the following are copies:

“Charleston Dec. 1863

City Council of Charleston at their regular meeting appointed the following aldermen, namely W. H. Gililand, J. J. Riggs, and John H. Stein a committee for the purpose of obtaining fresh meats to be sold at cost prices to the citizens and being authorized to carry the same into effect—

“We the committee hereby appoint Thomas J. Avinger, agent for the purpose of purchasing at prices not over maximum allowed by the Confederate States, all beeves, hogs and sheep, the same when purchased to be brought into the city to be butchered and sold under



our direction in the markets of Charleston, in accordance with the authority vested in us.

“Witness our hand and seal W. H. Gilliland (LS)  
John J. Riggs (LS)

A second document:

“Charles McBeth  
Mayor  
Office of the Chief Commissary  
Charleston  
William H. Gilliland  
John Riggs

Officers and Agents of the Department will lend assistance fifteen to twenty head pr. day will be required

Approved Dec. 30, 1863,  
By order of Gen. Beauregard  
Thime Ibolene  
Chief of Staff.”

A third document:

“Charleston March 22, 1865.

I hereby certify Mr. Thomas J. Avinger is employed by the Distributing Committee to grind corn and would respectfully ask that his wood may be transported by boats from the country unmolested.

Geo. W. Williams  
Member Disc. Committee.”

The method of transferring ownership and the average value of young male slaves is shown by the following:

“THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I, Mrs. C. S. E. Keckley of the City of Charleston for and in consideration of Thirty-five hundred dollars to me in hand paid, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents by Thomas J. Avinger (the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge) have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and deliver to the said

Thomas J. Avinger  
a certain negro boy named Jacob age nineteen years old TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said negro slave unto the said Thomas J. Avinger his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns to him and his only use and

behoof forever, And I the said C. S. E. Keckley my Executors, Administrators, and Assigns the said bargained premises unto the said Thomas J. Avinger his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns from and against all persons shall and will Warrant and forever defend by these presents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal. Dated at Charleston on the twenty-second day November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four and in the year of the independence of the

Confederate States of America,

Signed, sealed and delivered                      Mrs. C. S. C. Keckley

in the presence of

W. E. Milligan

George T. Friar

For several years Thomas J. Avinger operated a house-boat on the Ashley River, which he had fitted out as a traveling store. One of his anchoring places was Bulow Phosphate Mine Landing which was a convenient location for workers at several mines in that section. Subsequently this house-boat became the property of James and John Jaudon, two brothers with whom he had been associated.

At the time of his death Thomas J. Avinger owned Bull's Island and a large part of Caper's Island.

His children were:

I Adeline Avinger (5). Born in 1870. She died in 1888 of typhoid fever. She is buried in Bethany Cemetery in Charleston, S. C.

II Caroline Avinger (5). Born in September, 1872. She married, first, Julian Edward Moses. They had one daughter:

a. Rachel Caroline Moses (6). She was born Feb. 13, 1898. She married James B. Humphreys, who died some years ago.

Caroline Avinger married, second, Thomas William Murphy, for whom she bore two children:

a. Adeline Ruth Murphy (6). Born April 22, 1902. She married a cousin, Lockwood Murphy. He died in 1960.



b. Francis Murphy (6).

72 III Ernest Christopher Avinger (5). Born in 1874.

At a sale by the Master in Equity of Charleston County on Dec. 28, 1867, T. J. Avinger bought a tract of land on Caper's Island containing 400 acres, for the sum of \$2800. This was part of the estate of minor children Martha, Abigail, Florence, Isabel, Catherine, John, and Thomas Legare.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON AVINGER (4)

(William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born May 22, 1840, and died March 25, 1904.

George Washington Avinger married his cousin, Julia A. Avinger, Feb. 6, 1866.

He enlisted in a military company at the age of twenty years, joining the City Island Guards at Fernandina, Florida, on Dec. 15, 1860. He remained with this company three months, and won a large gold star as the best marksman in the company. This award came into the possession of the writer and it, with other relics, has been placed in the museum of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Charleston, S. C.

Shortly after returning from Florida he joined a Charleston company called the Jamison Rifles, of which T. Y. Simmons was captain.

Stationed on an island near the city the soldiers would visit neighboring islands to get food and other supplies for themselves and their horses. On one occasion after he and some other soldiers had crossed from Yonges Island to Edisto Island a Federal gunboat went up the river to cut them off, and kept firing into the woods on both sides of the river. During the night they were forced to run forty miles to get back to their company, but they escaped capture or injury.

In January of 1862 the Wassamassaw Cavalry, Capt. J. C. McKewn, entered the Confederate service, becoming Co. E, Fourth Battalion, South Carolina Calvary. George W. Avinger joined this company on February 7, 1862 at Camp Gist on the coast. In July, 1862, this battalion was sent to Virginia and



became a unit of the Second South Carolina Regiment, commanded by Colonel (later General) M. C. Butler.

George W. Avinger was wounded at Upperville, Loudon County, Virginia, on June 21, 1863, and again at Faulkquire on the Rappahannock. The bullet received at Upperville was extracted and he sent it to his mother. It is now in the possession of the writer. On another occasion a bullet passed through his coat pocket and cut a hole in each finger of a pair of gloves he had in his pocket, leaving him untouched.

In the spring of 1864 the Wassamassaw Cavalry was ordered back to South Carolina to recruit men and horses. The following November it was ordered to Wilmington, North Carolina, where it remained until the spring of 1865. In the meantime George W. Avinger had been made a corporal, and often headed scouting parties in the neighborhood of Wilmington. On such an expedition on March 1, 1865, he and his companions were surrounded by some Union soldiers when they went into a house to ask for something to drink. His companions wanted to fight their way out but George restrained them, pointing out that such a course would be suicide because there were too many Yankees. George Avinger was a Mason and the chief of his captors proved to be one also. They exchanged fraternal signals and thus their situation became easier, and they were treated courteously before being sent to a Northern prison.

He often described their prison as being divided into cells scarcely long enough for a man to stretch out, and just wide enough for two to lie close to each other. Each morning one prisoner was allowed to bring in a canteen of water, which had to last them all day, and the other swept out the cell. He said that sometimes as much as two handfuls of lice would be swept out of the cell, and would be swept as far as possible to try to get rid of the lice.

Some inmates found recreation by conducting a louse race. Drawing a circle on the floor each would take a louse off his body and place it in the center of the circle and the owner of the louse that crawled out first was the winner of a chew of tobacco.

In Columbia, S. C., Historical Commission records show:

GEORGE W. AVINGER: Age 22, Orangeburg District.

Private Company "D" Fourth Battalion, S. C. Cavalry,



which became Company "D" of the Second Regiment S. C. Cavalry.

Enlisted Feb. 7, 1862, at Camp Gist, South Carolina, under Captain J. C. McKewn. On the last available roll of the company Dec. 31, 1864, not on payroll.

NOTE: An unofficial roll of the company on file in this office lists him as promoted to corporal, November 1864.

F. M. Hutson,  
Asst. to Director.

When released from prison he worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad until he got fat and earned enough money to buy a suit of clothes and have a little change to bring home. He had to walk all the way from Baltimore because the railroad southward had been torn up and had not yet been repaired. When he reached Sumter, S. C., his aunt, Mrs. Mary Bell, brought him on to his home at Vance's Ferry.

After the war he moved to the Cooper River section of Berkeley County, and engaged in the planting and naval stores business. He always championed what he deemed beneficial to the interests of his State and his count. He took an active part in politics and though he never sought public office he was darted into several important positions.

In 1870 he and his brother Samuel were operating a store at Watboo, near old Monck's Corner, in connection with their planting, lumber, and turpentine interests.

George W. Avinger was chosen to represent his parish in the county nominating convention of the Union Refor Party which met in Charleston on October 3. He was appointed "watcher" at Biggin Church precinct to "see to it that the election is fairly conducted, that the ballot boxes are not tampered with, and that the count is fairly made."

On election day, however, the few white people at the polling place were overpowered by the Negro Republicans and the ballot boxes were destroyed, so that an official count could not be made.

George W. Avinger was a large man, and attracted attention in any crowd. His stature made him particularly conspicuous when, mounted on one of his large and beautiful horses and wearing the famous Red Shirt, he rode to political rallies and



other meetings during the campaign to elect Wade Hampton governor, and rid South Carolina of Radical rule.

He was a delegate to the first Democratic convention held after Berkeley County was reestablished in 1882, which met at Mount Pleasant in July, 1883. He was also a delegate to the convention held in 1884.

The new Berkeley County contained over two thousand square miles, and in 1889 he took an active part in a movement to form a new county within this monster county. He was one of the principal speakers advocating this at a meeting held at Monck's Corner on January 22, 1889.

In 1892 friends urged him to run for the House of Representatives. He told them that he would not campaign for any office but if they wished to do so they could nominate him, and if the people elected him he would serve to the best of his ability. He was elected by a large vote and served in the 1893 General Assembly with J. A. Harvey and Gen. E. J. Dennis. He declined, however, to be a candidate for reelection.

He was a delegate to the State Democratic Convention which met in Columbia on September 21, 1892.

On April 8, 1899, the Charleston News and Courier announced that Confederate veterans of Berkeley County met in the court house at Moncks Corner and organized a camp which they named Camp Dennis. The officers elected were E. J. Dennis commander, J. C. Cain first lieutenant, T. S. Browning second lieutenant, George W. Avinger third lieutenant, J. C. Porcher fourth lieutenant, and E. O. Hall adjutant.

Although he had no children of his own he was interested in educating children of others, and for several years he served as a trustee of the Cordesville school.

His business activities were many and varied. He was one of the most prosperous planters in Berkeley County, and owned several large plantations, including a rice plantation on Cooper River. When the turpentine business in lower South Carolina began to decline he devoted his time almost exclusively to planting. He also built and operated the first grist mill and cotton gin in Moncks Corner, which he sold to Henry A. Myers and P. Evans Myers.

The Cordesville Baptist Church was organized in 1902 and Ransome E. M. Avinger, his brother, was placed in charge of



building operations. Ransome died shortly after the edifice was started, and George took over the supervision of the work. The building was completed August 31, 1903, and Mrs. George W. Avinger presented the church with a handsome Holy Bible.

George W. Avinger married his first cousin, Julia Ann Avinger, a daughter of Daniel Avinger, on February 6, 1866, but their union was not blessed with children. Shortly after his death the Baptist Courier published this tribute:

#### IN MEMORY OF GEORGE W. AVINGER

We commemorate, not as might well be done, the honest, truthful, successful business man, nor yet the Confederate soldier who helped in no small degree to make the deathless fame of Mosby's men; but as a church of the Lord Jesus Christ we place upon our church book this memorial of the man who confessed Christ our Saviour and Master before men, and we doubt not was confessed in return before the Heavenly Father and the holy angels.

He was born in Orangeburg county, South Carolina, on the 22nd of May, 1840, and died on the afternoon of March 19, 1904. He had been in failing health for a series of years, and had received treatment from a number of skillful physicians. A most devoted wife and affectionate relatives, as well as a host of sincere friends, administered untiringly to him in his time of infirmity, and his death is lamented as that of few have been. It may be truthfully said that grief over his departure into the world of spirits increases, rather than decreases, with the added days.

In his hospitable home the weary found perfect rest, the discouraged grew strong again with cheerful hope, and the distressed sought not in vain relief from pressing temporal necessities. And there are many to testify that his ear was open to them in time of calamity. "He was the best friend I ever had," is an expression often heard in the region of his home for the many last years of his life.

He was one of the constituent members of the Cordesville Baptist Church whose committee offers this me-

morial. To that church his benefactions were generous, constant, and most wisely bestowed. Everything pertaining to it deeply concerned his mind and tenderly touched his great heart. The words of his wife, "He was a pure man," are the fitting crown of this heartfelt tribute.

South Carolina Baptist papers please copy.

Hugh F. Oliver.

Paul D. Maree.

J. C. Morrow.

Clerk of Court's office, Berkeley County, Book A-13, page 369:

"I, James F. Avinger, G. W. Avinger, R. E. M. Avinger, Emma C. Millings, Caroline S. Vaughan, Martha Maree, and Ernest Avinger and Caroline Avinger, heirs of T. J. Avinger, in consideration of One Thousand and Seven Hundred Dollars paid by Jadon A. & Addington J. Jones, conveys All of the two tracts of land known as Mount Teresa and Mosquito Hall, lying and being in the Parish of St. John's Berkeley. MOUNT TERESA tract containing 539 acres more or less and MOSQUITO HALL tract containing 325 acres more or less.

Butting and Bounding North and South on lands of Dr. G. Prioleau, East on Cooper River and Watboo Creek, and West on lands now or late of W. Holmes. The Mount Teresa tract is known by No. 13 in the Wadboo Barony and bounded north on the lands of P. D. Maree, on the West by lands of the late A. J. Harvey, on the East by lands of the late Benjamin Villeponteaux. The land being the two tracts of land conveyed to William Avinger by the late G. W. Rhame on the 15th day of Feb. 1866." This conveyance dated Dec. 13, 1899.

In the office of the Clerk of Court for Berkeley County, at Moncks Corner, are recorded conveyances of land from George W. Avinger to the Methodist Episcopal Church, October, 1885, Book C-2, page 63; to William Simmons January, 1891, Book A-8, page 217; to J. S. Jones and others March 3, 1900, Book A-14, page 56.



Recorded in Book A-9 is a deed from G. W. Avinger to Paul Maree for the plantation known as Willow Grove for the sum of \$7,000, described as follows:

Plantation known as Willow Grove in the Parish of St. John's Berkeley, on the eastern side of Cooper River, containing four thousand and fifty (4,050) acres;

Butting and Bounding North on Umbria plantation belonging to P. D. Maree; East by lands of the Estate of A. C. Richmond and North Charion or "Brick House" plantation, and West by the western branch of Cooper River, purchased by me from Mepso Mitchell and in March 1888, recorded in the Mesne Conveyance office for Charleston County in Book 6, page 92.

(Signed by G. W. Avinger in the presence of Maymie Avinger and Mamie E. Magrill.) Dated in 1892.

The deed to Simmons recorded in Book A-8, at page 217, shows that George W. Avinger, his mother Mary C. Avinger, his sisters Emma C. Millings, Caroline Vaughan, and Martha Maree, and his brothers Thomas J. Avinger, R. E. M. Avinger, and James F. Avinger, heirs at law of Sam D. Avinger, for the sum of \$225. sold to William Simmons, Patrick Dingle, Stephen Cash, Jacob Simmons, Samuel Porcher, and Jerry Heyward part of a tract of land formerly owned by James Jervey in right of his wife Sarah Evans, situated in the County of Berkeley about 31 miles from Charleston on the Georgetown Road in Christ Church Parish, containing 450 acres, Butting and Bounding North on Withewood plantation, East on Maybank and land of T. A. Huguenin, South by land late of Louis Winningham and Hampton Plantation, West on Withewood Plantation.

The conveyance to J. S. Jones, et al, dated March 3, 1900, recorded in Book A-14, page 56, recited that for the sum of \$1,500 paid by J. S. Jones is sold the plantation called Kent, in Berkeley County, near Biggin Church, containing six hundred and sixty-two (662) acres, Butting and Bounding to the North by land called Tinston, South on lands of the Estate of Henry Holmes, East on lands of Charles De Tollivent, West on land of Philip S. Cluck, called Keithfield and Adames Groves called



Epsom, described in a plat made by Peter Gardens, D. S., for E. Sispen dated 12 day of April 1820, being the same conveyed by Joseph M. Clark to Arnold J. Keney Jan. 1, 1855.

There are a number of other deeds recorded in the Clerk of Court's office at Moncks Corner.

### MARRIAGE

Avinger-Magrill. Married December 29, 1892, at the residence of her uncle, Mr. G. W. Avinger, at Cordesville, by the Rev. D. H. Brown, Mr. Lawrence Avinger, of Texas, and Miss Mamie Magrill, formerly of Orangeburg, S. C.

(The News and Courier, Feb. 18, 1893.)

### JAMISON RIFLES AND BROOKS GUARDS

The following members of these united companies were ordered on February 24, 1862, to assemble at the hall on the corner of King and Liberty Streets, in Charleston, to elect a captain and three lieutenants:

J. B. Ackis	G. W. Doyle	A. M. Masterman
J. Astle	E. B. Doughty	W. Masterman
G. W. Avinger	P. L. Davidson	J. McCaffey
J. H. Blocker	F. H. Duc	W. J. Neufville
C. J. H. Brown	T. H. Efan	J. A. Roseacrantze
J. H. Buckheister	Victor Fouche	J. W. Rutland
F. T. A. Brown	R. Friend	Thos. Y. Simmons
R. Burdell	W. S. Frazer	John B. Smith
W. Burn	J. B. Gardner	C. Selfurth
J. Broughton	F. S. Gregory	W. Summerall
C. Baum	J. R. Gibbes	T. Stinton
C. J. Beckman, Jr.	C. A. Gruber	T. Smith
Wm. Clarkson	W. C. Herbert	J. N. Stevens
J. J. Crosby	W. B. Hammett	W. H. Sudor
W. B. Clarkson	W. H. Halsall	W. H. Sutcliff
John Conlin	R. Hendricks	S. C. Seabrook
H. B. Cobia	P. B. Holsenback	W. Simmons
H. Carew	T. A. Honour	J. H. Semmes
W. Calvert	C. T. Johnson	J. C. Teasdale
John A. Cook	P. T. Johnson	J. D. Wright
J. F. Cordes	J. J. Jowett	P. M. Wallace
W. A. Chamberlain	J. Kelly	J. G. Willis
H. Caskens	Thos. Lett	R. A. Winningham
J. C. Dupre	A. W. Muckenfuss	



At the meeting they elected:

Captain—Thomas Y. Simmons

First Lieutenant—W. Clarkson

Second Lieutenant—H. W. Sirpler

Third Lieutenant—no one chosen

Lieutenant Sirpler is not listed as a member of either of these companies. Apparently he belonged to another company.

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### EMMA CORNELIA AVINGER (4)

(William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Emma Cornelia Avinger was born March 26, 1842, and died at 4:00 A. M. December 6, 1913.

She attended school at the Oak Grove Academy, near Corinth Baptist Church, when Pleas Williams was the principal. While a student there she boarded at the home of James Parler and his wife, the former Jane Norris. After finishing school she took up the profession of teaching and, while still very young became a teacher at the academy from which she had recently graduated. One of her pupils was her cousin George Manley Norris, who was six years younger than she was.

All Avingers were fond of various kinds of sports and horse-back riding was a favorite pastime of Emma as it was of her brothers, and she was considered a good equestrienne.

Returning home one afternoon from a singing lesson the girls and young boys stopped to gather muscadines. Whether caused by eating these tasty wild grapes is uncertain but that night Emma was stricken with typhoid fever. For more than a month she was attended by Dr. Gilmore, who rode ten miles twice daily to visit her. His home was ten miles from Vance's Ferry, being located where the present town of Holly Hill is.

Emma Avinger's disposition had made her a favorite in that section, and when she recovered from the attack of typhoid she was also considered one of the most beautiful young ladies in the neighborhood. Her black hair came back curly, which enhanced her fair complexion and smooth skin. In those days girls did not believe in getting tanned by the sun, and to prevent



this they always wore bonnets or large hats. To keep their hands soft and white it was customary to wear gloves, even at night. Emma followed the style.

Emma Avinger had many suitors, but finally chose Robert Charles Millings, a widower with one small son, about five years old, named Frederick C. Millings, who was then living with his aunt, a Mrs. Schniff, in Charleston. Mr. Millings (originally Mullin) had a plantation not far from Red Top called Cherokee, to which place he took Emma Avinger when they were married. Later they lived in the city of Charleston, where Mr. Millings engaged in business. When Mrs. Schniff died her young son, Philip Schniff, and Fred Millings lived with Fred's father and stepmother.

Emma C. Avinger and Robert C. Millings were married at the home of the bride's parents at Vance's Ferry on May 26, 1863. She was attended by her sister, Carrie Avinger, her brother, Samuel Avinger, and two cousins, Julia Ann Avinger and Alexander P. Avinger. Kate Avinger, then fourteen years old, was flower girl. In later years Kate, who married Alexander P. Avinger, often told how flowers were pinned all over her dress at the wedding to emphasize the fact she was the flower girl. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Mr. Dawson, a Baptist minister.

The bride wore a long lace veil which had been presented to her by the groom. This veil is in the possession of her daughter, the writer, and is still in perfect condition in 1960. It has been worn by three other brides, two of Emma's first cousins and one of her granddaughters, each of the three being named Virginia. The first to wear it after Emma was Virginia Shuler, daughter of Col. Dave Shuler, when she became the bride of Augustus Black; the second was Virginia Norris, daughter of George Norris, when she married Ira E. Hart, and the third was Virginia Sorensen, granddaughter of Emma C. Millings, when she married Colin W. Edwards. The veil is nicely displayed in a photograph taken immediately after this last wedding ceremony, performed in Charleston, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Millings were living at the plantation when Federal soldiers were reported near. They stored all valuables between the ceiling and the upper floor by removing the riser from the top step. The first body of soldiers did not molest



them but when a second group of Yankees came they destroyed all they could lay their hands on but missed the secreted valuables, which included this veil.

Emma Avinger was a good musician and was skilled in fancy work. Before and after her marriage she devoted much time to knitting socks and making suspenders for Confederate soldiers. In Charleston she became a friend of Mrs. Dr. Greenland, nee Marshall, another devotee of fancy work. They spent many happy hours together devising and making odd or unusual articles. Among work done by Mrs. Millings was a dog made of differently colored yarn, with a whip-stitch background. It was large and so lifelike that when leaned against the wall during house cleaning time a real dog seeing it would attempt to fight it, or make its acquaintance. Mr. Millings had a large furniture store at the time and, being an expert cabinet maker, he devised and made a machine which she used for making hair jewelry and ornaments. At a fair held at the South Carolina Hall in November of 1870 Mrs. Millings won first award (silver) for "the best specimen of hair flowers." (Charleston Daily News, Nov. 10, 1870.)

She also made articles with wax, and many of these were exhibited at annual fairs in Charleston. The wool dog, the hair machine, and other articles were given to the Charleston Museum by the writer. One beautiful piece of work done with wax is a cross about three feet high on a base with three steps, a little wax lamb lying on one of the steps.

Made by her was a bracelet of hair, to be worn tight around the arm, with a gold clasp set with an amethyst. Hair flowers, small and pretty, with a little bead or beads to form the center of the flowers, the flowers made to form a crescent or half wreath, attracted much admiration. One of these wreaths was made for her brother, Ransome E. M. Avinger. This one and several others are now in the possession of the writer. One was given to the Charleston Museum, together with the wool dog mentioned above, and a counterpane made of wool woven in different colors from home-made dyes, the wool being cut off sheep raised on the plantation.

Among relics still in the possession of the family are quilts made during the Confederate War, some of beautiful design; tulip, basket made of white and yellow cotton cloth; crazy quilts



made of silk or worsted material and embroidered with colored thread; an album quilt made about 1850, each beautiful square having a verse and the name of the donor and the date, one of them being signed by Susan Avinger, Sr., and one by Susan Avinger, Jr. (This quilt is in the possession of Mrs. J. V. Nielsen, in Charleston.) There is also a white satin cape bordered with white ermine fur, which belonged to Catherine Norris and was worn by her when she married Benjamin Bell; also slippers and a necklace of three strands of pearls worn on her wedding day.

Robert C. Millings, who became the husband of Emma C. Avinger, was a man of ability in many fields. He was a good carriage maker, an artist, a poet, and a merchant. When he and Emma Avinger met he was engaged in coachmaking at the corner of Rutledge and Spring Streets in Charleston. An advertisement in the Daily Courier on November 22, 1862, offers for sale by him "some fine light double and single seated buggies, with or without top, some light country rockaways, a carryall, a light wagon, and a few sets of good second-hand harness." About this time he was engaged by Confederate officials to make and keep in repair ambulances and other vehicles used in the service. In 1863 he and Emma Avinger were married and went to live on Cherokee plantation, and he drove to and from Charleston to look after his work there. Later he moved from the plantation.

When Governor Wade Hampton fell from his horse and broke his leg Mr. Millings sent to him in Columbia a couch which he had invented and named "The Hampton Couch." This couch was the forerunner of the present day or folding bed. A letter of thanks from Governor Hampton, long a prized possession of the family, has been placed in the U. D. C. museum in Charleston. Many articles invented by Mr. Millings are registered in the patent office in Washington, D. C.

Governor Hampton transacted much government business while reclining on the couch sent to him by Mr. Millings and, according to a newspaper account found the couch a very comfortable and useful gift.

Mr. Millings painted a picture of General Stonewall Jackson on an engine of the Aetna Fire Company, a volunteer fire company in Charleston of which he was a member. He also painted



a picture of General Lee, General Beauregard, and of some other Confederate generals on canvas, some of which were raffled for good sums, and some sold privately for twenty-five dollars each. Other paintings by him included a lifesize picture of Christ, and a girl holding a basket of flowers. Some of the decorations in the old Academy of Music were painted by him. This building was located on the northwest corner of King and Market Streets, where the Riviera theatre now stands.

In 1882 Mr. Millings operated a store at No. 312 King Street. In December the News and Courier told of visits to various establishments in the city by "Santa Claus" and reported:

"Millings," said Santa Claus, as he entered the establishment at 312 King Street, "is a genius. Millings is the man who invented and patented the Hampton couch a year or two ago. Here is the Hampton couch. As you see, it is a combination of comforts, such as one never before thought of putting together. It is in fact a couch or bed, a lounge and a child's crib, all in one, and here you have a perfect mosquito frame to fit it. The whole thing is sold for \$7.50, and is an admirable Christmas present. You ought to have one in the News and Courier office, but I suppose you all have very little lounging time. Millings has made a good thing out of this Hampton couch. You may not believe it but he has manufactured and sold \$7,000 worth of that article this year. If anybody is in want of something more elaborate in the furniture line, such as a splendid parlor or bedroom set, they will find it here, and they will have no trouble in being suited as to style and prices."

In November, 1913, while inspecting some rugs in a furniture store Mrs. Millings tripped over a rug, fell and broke her hip. She never recovered from this fall, passing away on December 6, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Millings were the parents of ten children, as follows:

- I William Henry Millings (5). Born July 13, 1864; died Nov. 9, 1864.
- II Robert Millings (5). Born April 20, 1866; died April 28, 1866.
- III Mary Zellar Millings (5). Born May 17, 1867; died — 1871.



- IV Caroline Annie Millings (5). Born Dec. 29, 1869; died June 27, 1870.
- 73 V John Azarious (Ralph) Millings (5). Born Dec. 25, 1871; died February 14, 1913.
- 74 VI Mary Emma C. Millings (5). Born Jan. 25, 1874; died  
VII James Millings (5). Born Dec. 27, 1876; died Jan. 1, 1877.
- VIII Lazarus Millings (5). Born in 1878, and died the same night.
- 75 IX Ella Veronica Millings (5). Born July 9, 1880; died June 18, 1960.
- X Joseph Millings (5). Born Oct. 31, 1882. He died August 18, 1893, twenty-four hours after falling from the frame of a store awning, from which he was playfully pulled by another boy.

#### FREDRICK C. MILLINGS

Frederick C. Millings, son of Robert C. Millings and his first wife, was born September 27, 1858. He learned cabinet making under his father and in time became a recognized expert on antique furniture. For many years he lived in Union, S. C., where he engaged in cabinet and furniture repair work in connection with his furniture store. While there he acquired many valuable pieces of antique furniture, including a beautiful piecrust table, now a prized possession of his family.

He married Carrie Schappaul, whose parents came from Germany. He moved back to Charleston about 1925. He died in May, 1930, leaving his widow and four children: Pauline, Marie, Victor, and Ferol Frances. For many years Pauline Millings has been with the sales department of Kerrison's Department Store, one of the oldest and largest mercantile establishments in Charleston. For several terms Marie Millings was president of Charleston Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and for several years has been custodian of this chapter's Confederate museum. Victor Millings is a popular and successful produce salesman, covering a large area for a Charleston wholesale firm. Ferol Frances Millings graduated from Charleston College in 1929 with a B.S. degree. She also received a M. A. degree from the University of South Carolina, and for many years has been teaching in public schools in Charleston.



On a visit to Charleston when quite young Pauline was given a pair of gold earrings and a matching brooch that had belonged to her grandfather's first wife. They were of a rose design, with gold leaves, and were highly appreciated by Pauline. One night some time later she lost the brooch on a street in Union, her home town. Searching parties and newspaper advertising failed to locate the jewel, and Pauline finally gave up hope of seeing it again. About five years later Pauline met a Negro woman on the street, who, to her amazement, was wearing a brooch of the same peculiar design and Pauline "just knew" it was her brooch. She said nothing to the woman, however, but hurried home and told her father about it. Asked about the woman said she had found it several years previously, and when shown the matching earrings she readily relinquished the brooch saying she was glad to return it to the rightful owner. She knew nothing about advertisements in newspapers and had often wondered who it had belonged to. Pauline was delighted to get the jewel which for five years she had thought gone forever and naturally she rewarded the finder.

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### CAROLINE VIRGINIA AVINGER (4)

(William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Caroline Virginia Avinger was tall and fair, with auburn hair. She was an energetic worker. She was married twice, both times at the home of her sister, Emma C. Millings, in Charleston, S. C. Her first husband was William Folk. It is said that the town of Conway, S. C., is built on land formerly owned by the Folk family.

Her second husband was J. E. (Ned) Vaughan, of England. He was captain of a steamboat operating around Charleston harbor, but some time after their marriage he accepted a similar position on a steamer at Savannah, Georgia, and moved to that city about 1895.

Caroline Avinger was a Baptist. The "Manual of the Citadel Square Baptist Church of Charleston, S. C.," printed in 1890, lists among the members: Miss Sallie S. Jaudon, Mrs. C. V. Vaughan, Miss H. W. Vaughan.

It was said of Caroline that in the Reconstruction Period after the War Between the States she always carried a long hat pin in her hand when on King Street because so many Negroes tried to shove the white people off the sidewalk.

When she moved to Savannah she carried with her the wedding slippers that belonged to her grandmother, Catherine Norris, a sword which belonged to her father, William Avinger, and had been in the family for many years, and a spinning wheel, another heirloom of the Avinger family.

She died in Savannah in 1911, and was buried with her second husband in Bonaventure Cemetery. Her children were:

I Hosafa M. Folk (5). She fell and broke her back when a child, and when a young woman fell and injured her back a second time. She has been in a hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, for years.

II Edith Vivian Vaughan (5). She lives in Atlanta, Ga.

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### MARTHA CATHERINE ANN WILLIAM AVINGER (4)

(William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born Dec. 2, 1845. She died in Greenville, S. C.

She had four names, and was generally called "Matt". She taught school at the Oak Grove Academy, as did her sister Emma.

"Matt" met and fell in love with Paul D. Maree, of the Cooper River section of Berkeley County and, in spite of strenuous opposition by her family, she married him on March 5, 1868. At first they lived on Mount Teresa Plantation, near Biggin Church, and then moved to Cordesville. Her husband served with the Confederate Army throughout the War Between the States, and afterwards became a prosperous planter and a large landowner.

"Matt" Maree was one of three ladies who responded to an invitation sent out by R. E. M. Avinger in May, 1902, to meet and discuss building a Baptist church in Cordesville, and was listed as a charter member when the church was finished.

One of her daughters, May Maree, died of diphtheria when a small child. After her husband's death she sold out and the



family moved to Greenville, S. C. The name was originally spelled Meree.

The children of "Matt" Avinger and her husband, Paul D. Maree, were:

I May Maree (5). Died quite young.

II Daisy Maree (5). She died in 1949.

III Julia Maree (5). She was a graduate of Converse College, and became a school teacher. She died unexpectedly in Greenville, S. C.

76 IV Victor Maree (5).

V Carroll Maree (5). For several years he was a professor at Sewanee, and lived in Greenville, S. C.

77 VI Lettie Maree (5).

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#### SAMUEL DRAYTON AVINGER (4)

(William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Born November 6, 1847.

Samuel went with his brother George to the Cooper River section after the Confederate War, and engaged in the turpentine and rice planting business, and also operated a general store at Watboo.

He entered the Confederate Army when only sixteen years of age, and served until the war ended.

He never married. He was noted for horsemanship, belonged to a jockey club and won several prizes at tournaments.

(See Sections 13 and 32.)

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#### RANSOME EDWARD MAHONEY AVINGER (4)

(William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born June 30, 1849.

Ransome Avinger was born at Vance's Ferry but left there and settled in the Cooper River section of Berkeley County where his brothers, George and Samuel, were located.

In 1866, when but seventeen years old, he was appointed postmaster at Vance's Ferry, probably the youngest person ever appointed to fill such an important government position.

Ransome was a splendid horseman and while living at Vance's Ferry he belonged to a local jockey club and a military company. He participated in the tournaments and one year was crowned "King of the Tournament." He chose Miss Judson Parler as his "Queen." A silver cup won by him is now in the possession of his grandson, Ransome Edward Avinger, of Charleston, S. C.

Jousts or tournaments were a feature of the social life of that day. The parade ground was not far from where they lived, and on the appointed day large numbers of ladies and their escorts gathered there to witness the prowess of the riders, or knights as they were called. Erected on the circuit were posts to each of which was attached an arm with a ring suspended from its end. The objective was for the rider to race around the circuit at full speed and to spear the rings with his sword, a rather difficult feat, and the one getting the most rings was crowned "King," and he then chose a lady as his "Queen." The riders were usually handsomely uniformed and named "Knight of \_\_\_\_\_", a name of his own choosing.

From boyhood Ransome was almost unbelievably considerate of other persons, being ever ready to do a favor if it was possible for him to do so. This attribute so pleased his Aunt Ann, wife of Peter Avinger, that she gave him a tract of land on the old Camden Road, containing 169 acres. This land was sold by his surviving children in 1958 for about \$26,000.

Being a hard worker Ransome Avinger became a prosperous rice planter and in time bought several plantations in the Cooper River section, including North Chachan, also known as "Brick House". After his death this plantation was sold to Johanus Fishburne. In the record office at Moncks Corner is a long list of real estate purchases and sales by Ransome and other Avinger's.

The pleasant disposition which so pleased his aunt when he was a boy remained with Ransome throughout his life. He kept "open house" at all times, and all who chanced to visit were at once made to feel welcomed. He was a good "fiddler" and a piano player, and often entertained his family in the



evenings with his music. A large barn on his place was often cleaned out for dances, which would be announced by a "courier" and would be attended by fun-loving folk from as distant places as McBeth, Bonneau, and St. Stephen, as well as neighboring homes.

His favorite sport was hunting and he always had a score of dogs, mostly hounds for deer hunting. During the deer season many Charleston business men visited Cordesville to go on hunts with him and his sons. On one occasion his son Drayton was with the hunting party and his horse was bit by a rattlesnake and had to be killed. Dr. John Ancrum, of Charleston, was with the party and he became so grieved over the mishap that when he returned to his home he sent a splendid pony to Drayton as a gift.

Another prominent physician of Charleston, Dr. Charles Aimar, was frequently a member of one of these hunting parties.

For some unexplained reason Ransome Avinger came to be called "Moss" by practically all of his friends.

He was married twice. His first wife was Miss Mary White Jones, who died childless. His second wife was Miss Geraldine Rhame, who bore six children, four boys and two girls. She is buried in the Rhame Cemetery. Their children:

I William Samuel Drayton Avinger (5). He married Fanny Tarrant, of Newberry, S. C., whom he met while her mother was a governess in the home of P. D. Maree in Cordesville. She had several sisters and one brother. She and Drayton were childless.

II Dyrena Avinger (5). Born in 1880; died Dec. 28, 1948. She married Rev. Archibald Patrick, a Methodist minister. They had no children.

III Minnie Lee Avinger (5). She married Edgar Robinson. They had no children of their own, but has an adopted daughter, named Helen.

78 IV Ransome Edward Mahoney Avinger, Jr. (5).

V Obediah Avinger (5). Died young, being found dead beside the road not far from his home.

VI Leroy R. Avinger (5). He made his home in Virginia, being employed at the U. S. navy yard in Newport News. His wife was named Mary —.



Drayton Avinger and his sister, Dyrena Patrick, lived on the old homestead in Cordesville. For many years Dyrena kept house for Drayton, they being the only members of a large family on the place. Their sister Minnie made her home in North Carolina; their brother Leroy in Virginia, and Ransome in Charleston, S. C.

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ANNA VICTORIA AVINGER (4)

(William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born March 29, 1851, and died Oct. 27, 1864, just before the end of the War Between the States, while still a young girl. Shortly before her death she wrote a letter to her brother Thomas Avinger which is still legible and among old family keepsakes. Dated in September, 1864, she wrote:

“Dear Brother, I seat myself to write you a few lines. Brother when are you and Sister coming up. Cousin Eliza are going to have a nice wedding up here. Sammy and all of the sixteen year old boys have been to Bamberg but some say they expect that all will be disbanded for a week or so Dannie is first Lieutenant, and Warren Shuler is Captain J. C. Parler is the third Lieutenant Warren Shuler says that he will point Sammy as corporal. I have nothing interesting to write. So will close by saying all are well.

Your sister  
Annie V. Avinger”

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CAROLINE AVINGER (4)

(John Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1)

The date of her birth not of record. She died May 14, 1891.

Caroline Avinger, daughter of John Avinger, married David Madison Shuler, known as Pen Branch Shuler, on December 24, 1850. Madison Shuler was captured during the War Between the States and died in the Federal prison at Hart's Island, New York, on May 12, 1865.



Several years after the death of Mr. Shuler Caroline married John Smith, but no children resulted from this marriage. After the death of Caroline Mr. Smith married Rosa Dantzler.

The children of Caroline Avinger and D. M. Shuler were:  
79 I John David Shuler (5). Born April 28, 1852.

II Aurie A. Shuler (5). Died in childhood.

80 III Elizabeth Nuella Shuler (5). Born Jan. 28, 1856.

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### SUSAN AVINGER (4)

(John Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Susan Avinger, the second daughter of John Avinger and his wife, the former Miss Little, married Ellison D. Hart. Their children were:

81 I Alonzo L. Hart (5).

II Rosa Hart (5).

III Rachel Hart (5).

IV John Hart (5). He married Miss Ollie Bookhart.

V Legare Hart (5).

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### HAMILTON JACOB AVINGER (4)

(Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born March 9, 1833, and died June 30, 1881.

After a preliminary training he taught school in the Bull Swamp section of South Carolina when he was only eighteen years old.

At a Fourth of July celebration held by the St. Matthew's Rifle Corps at Goodby's Hole Bridge in July 1851, he was one of the speakers at the banquet, and offered the toast: "J. C. Calhoun — The star by which we were guided, but his light has expired, and we are left to defend with our arms what he failed to achieve with his gigantic intellect."

Among the other speakers at this celebration were Cap. F. Shuler, T. Shuler, R. Shuler, Esq., A. Dantzler, T. G. Shuler,

D. L. Shuler, G. Shuler, W. Wannamaker, Z. Stroman, O. Shuler, Dr. W. Keitt, F. W. Vogt, A. Shuler, and M. Shumaker.

Hamilton Jacob Avinger received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Jefferson College in Philadelphia on March 9, 1853, his twentieth birthday. This diploma, on genuine parchment and in its original metal case, is still in the possession of his descendants, who value it very highly.

He left South Carolina on April 15, 1855, and went to Hickory Hill, Texas, where he soon built up a lucrative practice as a country doctor. He attended the ailing within a large radius, riding horseback to the majority of his patients who lived along narrow trails many miles from his office. Because of the many calls for his service he often got very little sleep, but he valued the health of others more than his personal comfort and never failed to answer a call.

On a visit to his old home in Vance, S. C., he married Miss Martha Marcelle Rebecca Hooker on April 16, 1857. With no through trains or automobiles those days it took about two weeks to drive back to Hickory Hill.

Dr. Avinger bought 320 acres of land in Cass County, Texas, in 1876. On it he built a depot and gave the railroad company one thousand dollars, the company giving him a guarantee that the depot cannot be moved, and that the town should be named Avinger. The name of the railroad then was the East Line and Red River Rail Road, a part of the Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad Company. The right of way and the guarantees were duly recorded in Linden County. The post office was removed from Hickory Hill to Avinger, and in 1876 his daughter Carrie was appointed postmistress there, and she served until 1882.

During the War Between the States Dr. Avinger worked two places, eight miles apart, with one hundred hands, digging iron ore out of the ground for the Confederate Government.

Dr. Avinger was a State Senator from 1873 to 1875, inclusive.

His wife, Martha Hooker, was born Sept. 17, 1833, and died June 4, 1904, twenty-three years after his death.

Their children were:

82 I Julia Lavinia Avinger (5).

83 II Caroline Catherine Avinger (5).

84 III Laurence H. Avinger (5).



## MIDDLETON AVINGER (4)

(Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Middleton Avinger was born Dec. 30, 1837. He entered the Confederate Army soon after the war began and served throughout the conflict. He was with Co. F, 9th Cavalry, Ross's Brigade, at Atlanta, Ga., when Sherman burned that city, and his feet got very badly burned while trying to help others.

After the war he moved to Avinger, Texas, and for a time he was the postmaster there. He married Nannie Frith, whose family were from North Carolina.

They were the parents of five children:

I Charles M. Avinger (5). He married Indiana Martin. She died January 11, 1948. Their children were:

a. Charles Avinger (6).

b. Alfaratta Avinger (6).

II Ollie Avinger (5). She married Charles Cobb, a lawyer. They made their home in Glendale, California.

III Joshua Avinger (5). He moved to Los Angeles, California.

IV Hallie Avinger (5). She married — Coppin. They made their home in Wichita Falls, Texas.

V Andrew Lee Avinger (5). He lives in Yuma, Arizona. During World War 1 was with Troop 1, 309th Cavalry, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

## ALEXANDER PINCKNEY AVINGER (4)

(Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Born October 19, 1840; died March 7, 1908.

He was a sergeant in Co. F, 25th Regiment, C.S.A., commanded by Col. C. H. Simonton. This company was known as the Edisto Rifles. In 1864 he was taken prisoner at Fort Fisher, N. C., and sent to Elmira, New York. When released in the spring of 1865 he returned to his home in Vance, where he became a prosperous merchant and planter. At one time he served as Postmaster at Vance.

He married Catherine (Kate) Shuler, daughter of Dr. Manley Shuler. She was a niece and the adopted daughter of Augustus J. Avinger.

Their children were:

- I "Hamp" Avinger (5).
- II Ethel Avinger (5). She was known as Etta rather than as Ethel. She married William Shider, for whom she bore two children:
  - a. Joseph Shider (6).
  - b. Kate Shider (6).
- III Ernest Avinger (5). Married Lessie Banister. No children.
- IV Joseph Avinger (5).
- 85 V D. Hiram Avinger (5).
- 86 VI Belle Avinger (5).
- 87 VII Mamie Avinger (5).
- VIII Mallie Avinger (5). She married Andrew Westberry. They had one child:
  - a. Catherine Westberry (6).
- IX Essie Avinger (5). She married Wesley Parler. Two children:
  - a. Catherine Parler (6).
  - b. James Parler (6).
- X John Avinger (5). He married Gertrude Martin. One of her sisters married Dr. Ravenel and one married Dr. Jenkins. Both live in Charleston.
- XI Manley Avinger (5).
- XII Hubert Avinger (5).

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### JULIA ANN AVINGER (4)

(Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born in Vance on April 28, 1842, and died in Cordesville.

Julia married her first cousin, George Washington Avinger, on Feb. 5, 1866. They did not have any children.

She was a Methodist and her husband a Baptist, but the difference in their religious beliefs did not prevent their lives to-



gether being harmonious at all times. She presented a Holy Bible to each church at Cordesville.

Both she and her husband are buried in the Bell graveyard near Vance.

(See G. W. Avinger, No. 28).

Given to the writer is a small moroca album with photographs, the names of the persons written by Julia. Some of the photographs show the person in uniform.

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#### ELIZA ELIZABETH AVINGER (4)

(Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Born March 1, 1844; died November 29, 1922.

She married John Magrill, a Confederate soldier, on Sept. 22, 1864. He had one brother and they owned much land near Elloree, S. C., some of which was bought by the South Carolina Public Service Authority for the Santee-Cooper project.

They had two children:

I Mamie Magrill (5). She married Laurence H. Avinger, of Sulphur Springs, Texas, in 1892, and Eliza then moved to that place to live with her.

II Joe Dan Magrill (5).

Eliza E. Magrill died at Sulphur Springs on Nov. 29, 1922, and on Feb. 2, 1923, the following article, written by a Mrs. L. E. McTeer, appeared in the Hopkins County Echo:

"On Nov. 29, 1922, about noon death visited our neighborhood and claimed Mrs. E. E. Magrill, one of the noblest and most beloved women I've ever known.

Our little neighborhood misses her so much because she was a mother to us all and each and every one loved her dearly. Not a thing was left undone that friends and loved ones could do to add to her comfort and happiness.

She was almost 79 years of age. Many years of her life had been spent in serving her Master. Until a few months ago she had been well and strong and had lived a very active and Christian life. Nobody in need was ever turned away. She was our bosom friend in

sickness and sorrow and rejoiced with us in our good fortunes. She was a true neighbor and friend. She realized her condition better than any one. She was patient as could be. It seemed she tried to make her last days her brightest and best. Everything we did for her was appreciated so much. Her smiles and words of appreciation for the little kindnesses made even the little tots slip away from home to visit her and carry her flowers. She had a way of pointing out your good traits and making you feel life was worth while and the part you played helped to make it that way.

“Her room was full of flowers all during her illness. Often have I heard her say, ‘I never saw so many beautiful flowers. Everybody brings me their choicest.’

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church of which she was a member. She was laid to rest at the City Cemetery Thanksgiving Day under an embankment of flowers from friends and neighbors who loved her.

I couldn't keep from thinking how thankful we ought to be for having had such a neighbor and friend, such a mother and grandmother. Although she is gone her influence will live on as she builded for herself a monument of good deeds and noble acts in this world and laid up treasures in Heaven.”

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#### DANIEL JOSEPH AVINGER (4)

(Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Born Sept. 3, 1847, and died Sept. 26, 1918. He enlisted in Co. F, Capt. Coles, First S. C. Volunteer Troops, Col. Johnson Hagood. After six months his company became part of the 25th S. C. Regiment, Col. C. H. Simonton. In November of 1864 he became captain of Co. F, Second Regiment of Infantry, S. C. State Troops.

He operated a large store at Vance's Ferry. There a large number of citizens of the upper Charleston and lower Orange-



burg sections met on Nov. 4, 1878, and organized a stock steamboat company to operate steamers on the Santee River. In this stock company were J. H. Felder, F. Connor, S. L. Dantzler, Augustus Fludd, I. S. Hart, W. J. Snider, Joe Wiggins, William H. Bull, J. F. Livingston, J. Q. Parler, S. H. Wells, A. J. Avinger, and R. F. Turner. (News and Courier, Nov. 19, 1878.)

Daniel J. Avinger married, first, Elizabeth Bull, daughter of Middleton Bull. She died at Vance on May 19, 1898. Their children were:

88 I Elise Catherine Avinger (5). Married Roland Q. Moorer.

89 II Daz Avinger (5). Married Willie Dantzler.

Daniel J. Avinger married, second, Matilda Jane Moorer, daughter of Roland Q. Moorer, of Orangeburg. She was known as "Mitt". She died on April 6, 1945, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Rhame, in Columbia. Their children:

90 I Daniel Moorer Avinger (5). Married a Miss Smith.

II Mary Lee Avinger (5). Married Noland Bennett, of Holly Hill.

III Gladys Avinger (5). Married H. B. Rhame, son of Henry Rhame.

IV Joseph Roland Avinger (5). He married Charlotte Delk. Their children:

a. Jo-Ann Avinger (6). Married Olin Way, Jr., on May 8, 1959, at Corinth Baptist Church.

b. Margaret Avinger (6).

c. Rita Avinger (6).

d. Joseph Roland Avinger, Jr. (6).

Daniel J. Avinger's store, a two-story brick building, with his name painted on the side, is still standing in 1960.

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### SUSAN MARGARET AVINGER (4)

(Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Susan was born Feb. 1, 1855, and died March 23, 1932.

She married H. I. Irick, for whom she bore eight children, but three of them died young. Her husband died in 1904, and she remained a widow for twenty-eight years. She died at the age of 77 years of pneumonia after an illness of only two

weeks, and is buried in the old Trinity Lutheran Church cemetery near Elloree. She was survived by three daughters, two sons, one sister, two half-sisters, one half-brother, fourteen grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Her surviving children:

- I J. Daniel Irick (5). Married Hassie Irick.
- 91 II Eliza Irick (5). She married J. H. Geiger, of Orangeburg, S. C.
- 92 III Carrie Irick (5). Married C. H. Segrest, of Bowman, S. C.
- IV Gussie Irick (5). Married John Griffin, of Elloree, S. C.
- V Cornelius B. Irick (5). Moved to Shelby, N. C.

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KITT LAURENCE AVINGER (4)

(Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born Nov. 23, 1859, and died Oct. 19, 1919.

Kitt Laurence Avinger moved to Avinger, Texas, about 1875.

He married Rose Etta Rhyne on Nov. 28, 1878. Their children:

- 93 I Susan Caroline Avinger (5). Born May 10, 1880.
- II Alice Mernervil Avinger (5). Born Jan. 13, 1883.  
Oct. 23, 1891.
- III Daniel Garret Avinger (5). Born Feb. 14, 1890; died

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OCEY IDELLA AVINGER (4)

(Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born Jan. 1, 1866, and died Jan. 19, 1937.

Ocey Idella was the youngest daughter of Daniel Avinger and his second wife, Caroline Thompson. She married Lewis T. Dukes. Their children:

- I Daisy Dukes (5). She graduated as a nurse at Roper Hospital, in the city of Charleston, but abandoned this profession when she married A. J. Murphy, of California. They had two sons:

- a. Thomas Murphy (6). In the U. S. Navy.
- b. A. J. Murphy, Jr. (6). Lives in Summerville, S. C.



- II Mary Ann Dukes (5). Generally known as Polly Dukes. For many years she operated a store in Vance, S. C.
- III Carrie Dukes (5). She married ——— Bell.
- IV Thomas L. Dukes (5). He married Ellie Ayers. For several years he was agent at Vance for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.
- V Sampson D. Dukes (5). He married Margie Grooms.
- VI George Dukes (5). Married Ada Cauthen and lives at Vance.

Mrs. Ocey Idella Dukes died in January, 1937, after an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted at Gerizm Church by the Rev. S. D. Newell, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Campbell.

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### IDA AVINGER (4)

(Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born Jan. 20, 1872, and died Jan. 2, 1959.

Ida Avinger, the eldest daughter of Daniel Avinger and his fourth wife, Laura Shuler, might well be termed the good Samaritan of the fourth generation. She never married, but devoted her life to lightening the burdens of others. She was untiring in caring for her mother who became paralyzed several years before her death, and at the same time (and afterwards) she looked after the welfare of her sister Metta, who suffered illness from childhood. She continued to live on the old homestead with her brother, William Augustus (Gus) Avinger, and after he married helped in the rearing of his children. After the death of Gus she remained with her nephew, Ira Dukes Avinger, and his wife, and through the years she was an invaluable assistant in the affairs of this household.

She was in some degree related to most of the people in that section, and, in addition, she knew and was known and loved by practically everybody for miles around. Her knowledge of the family history was great, and the writer is indebted to her for much of the data herein. Gerizm Methodist Church was built on land granted to her father in 1848. She became a member of this church at an early age and was always guided by its teachings in her daily relation with other people.

Some time after World War II descendants of Gutlip Avinger and related families formed an association to preserve old graveyards and to keep alive family traditions. Ida Avinger was a charter member and became very active in having burial lots of long deceased relatives cleaned and kept clean.

She was also a charter member of the Avinger Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, of Charleston, S. C., and after her death the February issue of the U. D. C. Magazine published a long article describing her funeral at Gerizm Methodist Church and interment in the old family cemetery known as the Bell graveyard.

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### WILLIAM AUGUSTUS AVINGER (4)

(Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Gus Avinger was born in 1876, and died Nov. 12, 1936.

He lived in the Vance section throughout his life and was a successful farmer. Quiet in manner, and an exponent of the Golden Rule, he soon became a highly respected leader in the community. Like his uncle Augustus J. Avinger he was a steward of Gerizm Methodist Church, in charge of the records, and took an active part in the religious life of the neighborhood.

He married Blanche Dukes, who presented him with four children. He was devoted to his sister Ida, who lived with him, and wished to name his first child for her but it turned out to be a boy,—so he did the next best thing: He gave his son a name the initials of which spelled his sister's name, Ira Dukes Avinger.

Gus died on November 12, 1936, and was buried in the Bell Cemetery near Vance. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend J. A. Campbell, the Reverend S. D. Newell, the Reverend A. F. Guyton, and the Reverend Peter Stokes, Jr.

The children of William Augustus and Blanche Avinger were:

I Ira Dukes Avinger (5). He married Mona Newsom.

II George Francis Avinger (5). He married Dorothy Shuler.

III Laurie Walter Avinger (5). He married Madge Breeland.

IV Irvin Ned Avinger (5). He married a Miss Collier.



## WALTER AVINGER (4).

(Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Walter Avinger died on November 9, 1921.

He married Corine Bannister, and they had three children:

I Walter Seth Avinger (5). He married Grace Stoudemire, a daughter of J. C. Stoudemire, on December 25, 1935. She graduated as a nurse at a hospital in Columbia, S. C.

II Eula Avinger (5). She married Frank Gelzer. He was killed in an automobile accident on June 24, 1936. They had one son:

a. Frank Gelzer, Jr. (6).

III Glenn C. Avinger (5). He married Gladys Owens.

Corine Bannister Avinger is postmistress at Vance, S. C., in 1960.

## MARCELLA SHULER (4)

(Elizabeth Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Marcella Shuler, second daughter of Elizabeth Avinger and Charles Shuler, died in 1931. She married Warren Thompson, and they were the parents of seven children:

I Henrietta Thompson (5). Married a Mr. Richardson.

II Georgiana Thompson (5). Married Thomas Hayes.

III George Thompson (5). He married a cousin Karen Thompson, a daughter of Daniel Thompson.

IV Samuel Thompson (5). Married Minnie Connor, daughter of J. W. Connor.

V Warren Thompson (5).

VI John D. Thompson (5).

VII Charles Thompson (5).

## LAURENCE NAPOLEON SHULER (4)

(Elizabeth Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

In the records of South Carolina Troops in Confederate service, volume 2, page 252, Laurence N. Shuler is listed as a member of Co. K, Second S. C. Regiment, originally the Brooks Guards, and on page 279 it is stated that he enlisted at Orangeburg, S. C., in this company by Lieutenant Bell on July 1, 1862, under Capt. Andrew Burnett Rhett. Listed on muster rolls Nov. 1, 1862, Jan. 1 and March 1, 1863, as sick in hospital. On muster roll July 1, 1863, as present, and on the last muster roll June 30, 1864, as present.

He married Mollie Sallie Arant. Their children:

- I Ann Shuler (5). Married Lee Rast, of Columbia, S. C.
- II George Benton Shuler (5). Married Etta Shuler, a daughter of Franklin Shuler and Ann Moorer Shuler.
- 94 III Fillmore Shuler (5). Married Cora Harley.
- IV Robert Shuler (5).
- V Cordelia Shuler (5). Married Hamp Shuler.
- VI Varrie Shuler (5). Married a Mr. Blair.
- VII Mamie Shuler (5).
- VIII Percy Shuler (5). Married a Miss Feackel.
- IX Lottie Shuler (5).

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### VIRGINIA NORRIS (4)

(Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Virginia Norris was the only daughter born to Amelia Avinger and her husband, George Norris. She was born June 18, 1840, and died April 18, 1919.

She married Ira E. Hart, a Confederate soldier, and was one of three brides named Virginia who wore the bridal veil of Emma C. Avinger, who married Robert C. Millings in 1863. (See No. 27).

The children of Virginia and Ira Hart were:

- 95 I Viola Virginia Hart (5). Married John Felder.
- 96 II Hattie Hart (5). Married F. M. Sheridan.
- 97 III Pettus Hart (5).
- IV George Hart (5).
- V Harry Hart (5).



## D. KEATING NORRIS (4)

(Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born Nov. 1, 1845, and died Jan. 23, 1905.

D. K. Norris was a member of Co. E, Second S. C. Artillery, C. S. A., with his brother, First Sergeant Thomas P. Norris. He was wounded at the battle of Bentonville, N. C., where his brother received a mortal wound. They were close together in the battle and when Keating was struck by a bullet his brother exclaimed that he wished it had hit him instead, because their mother would be inconsolable if Keating died. A few minutes later Thomas was struck by a bullet and three days later, on March 21, he died. He was 22 years 6 months and 21 days old when he died.

After the war Keating married Bessie Caldwell, and soon became one of the best known business men in South Carolina. He also took an active part in politics, and was appointed a colonel on the staff of Governor B. R. Tillman. At the 1888 State Democratic Convention he was Tillman's floor leader.

He was named in the will of Thomas G. Clemson as a life trustee of Clemson Agricultural College. When he died he left a fund to provide for a medal to be given a Clemson student each year, the bequest being as follows: "I give \$500. (face value) of Norris Cotton Mill stock to the Trustees of Clemson Agricultural College of South Carolina on condition that the dividends thereon shall be applied annually to the purchase of a gold medal to be known as the Norris medal, to be awarded to the student of the College meriting the same at graduation, under such conditions as may be prescribed by said board of trustees, and which medal shall have engraved upon it 'Honus habet onus'—honors bring responsibility".

Colonel Norris was one of the organizers of the Norris Cotton Mill, in the upper part of the State, and was president of the Cateechee Cotton Mills.

Children of D. Keating Norris and his wife Bessie Caldwell Norris were:

- I Bessie Norris (5). Married G. R. Tillman.
- II Lillian Norris (5).



III Another daughter whose name has not been ascertained by the writer.

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GEORGE MANLEY NORRIS (4)

(Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

George Manley Norris was born in March of 1848, and died Dec. 24, 1934.

He became a Confederate soldier in 1864, joining a company of sixteen year old boys commanded by Capt. D. J. Avinger. The company was organized for duty within the State but shortly after the surrender of General Johnston it was sent to North Carolina, as Co. F, Second South Carolina Infantry. After the war he became an active member of Camp Thomas J. Oliver, United Confederate Veterans, at Orangeburg.

He married Harriet Henrietta Connor, daughter of Frederick Connor, of Vance, on April 22, 1878. A reporter of the Charleston News and Courier sent the following article from Vance on May 2, 1928:

"An unusual and enjoyable event was that of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Miss Henrietta Connor and Mr. G. M. Norris, celebrated at their home near Vance. Unknown to Mrs. Norris, a number of invitations were sent to relatives and friends. On the evening of April 22 about seventy guests gathered to express their love and esteem and to extend their congratulations to this couple, who through the years have lived happily together.

"The home was artistically decorated with Southern smilax and chrysanthemums. In the reception hall many beautiful gifts were on display. On the finger of Mrs. Norris glistened a beautiful ring, a gift of her husband. Music was rendered throughout the evening by Miss Gladys Folk and Mr. Dan Suber, of Holly Hill. "The couple looked young for their years and were most gracious in their reception of the guests. Mr. Norris is a successful farmer and business man of the Vance section. Both he and Mrs. Norris yield a great



influence for thrift, economy and industry over the whole community. Best of all, because of their devotion to Christ and His cause.

The following year Mrs. Norris passed away.

George Manley Norris became one of the largest landowners in Orangeburg County. He and his brother, Col. D. K. Norris, organized and built the Norris Cotton Mills, at Cateechee in Pickens County, in 1895. This company was capitalized at \$312,500, which was later increased to \$500,000. It was equipped with 19,968 spindles and was one of the best known and most successful business enterprises in South Carolina.

He died at the age of eighty-six years, and was buried on Christmas Day of 1934 at Corinth Baptist Church, near his home. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. A. F. Guyton, assisted by the Rev. John Johnson, D. D., of Sumter, S. C. Members of Camp Thomas J. Glover, United Confederate Veterans, and of the United Daughters of the Confederacy participated.

The children of George Manly and Henrietta Norris were:

- 98 I Martha Amelia Norris (5).
- 99 II Thomas M. Norris (5).
- 100 III Fred Keating Norris (5).
- 101 IV George Furman Norris (5).
- 102 V Leila Norris (5).
- 103 VI Floride Norris (5).
- 104 VII John Edward Norris (5).

## GEORGE NORRIS

George Norris, son of Patrick Norris and husband of Amelia Avinger, was born in Fairfield District in 1784, and settled in St. Matthew's Parish in 1804. He was married twice. His first wife was Margaret Whitmore, generally called Peggy. She was a daughter of Joshua Whitmore, Sr., and was born in South Carolina on September 25, 1794, and died on August 19, 1837. One of her sisters, Elizabeth Whitmore, married Abraham Felder, Sr., and another sister, Susanah Whitmore, married Laurence Avinger. (Recorded in the History of Orangeburg County, by A. S. Salley). One of her brothers, Joshua Whitmore, Jr., was a lawyer and a circuit judge, and also a brigadier general in the State Militia. He finally

moved to Texas. Another brother, George Whitmore, married Polly Moore, a sister of Haskel Moore.

The children of George Norris and Margaret Whitmore Norris were:

- I Edward Norris. Married a Miss Dantzler, and moved west. They had a daughter who married a Mr. Griffith.
- II Frances Norris. Married Acie Rhame. Four children:
  - a. Henry Rhame.
  - b. William Rhame. Married a Miss Carn of Summerville.
  - c. Geraldine Rhame. Married R. E. M. Avinger.
  - d. Acie Rhame. Married Aida Holliday.
- III Eliza Norris. Married Middleton Bull. Their children:
  - a. Lizzie Bull. Married Daniel Avinger.
  - b. Virginia Bull. Did not marry.
- IV Jane Norris. Born Feb. 1, 1817. Married James Parler.
- V William Norris. Did not marry.

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### VIRGINIA AVINGER SHULER (4)

(Caroline J. Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born about 1842.

Virginia A. Shuler, daughter of Caroline J. Avinger and Col. Dave Shuler, was generally called "Jinnie". Being an only child of well-to-do parents she always had whatever material things she desired, but she was not wasteful. During the War Between the States when prices went sky-high and calico was selling for around fifty dollars a yard she bought enough to make a dress and laid it aside for future use. When she heard that Sherman was drawing near and the people were hiding what valuables they could she rolled up her precious calico and hid it under the clothes she was wearing because, as she said, it cost more than any dress she ever had.

Like so many ladies of that period she was an expert with a needle and some beautiful handwork done by her is still in the possession of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Doar, of Georgetown, S. C.



While a college student in Columbia she met and fell in love with W. Augustus Black, and after the war they were married. Their children were:

105 I Caledonia Black (5).

106 II Dave Shuler Black (5). He became a physician.

107 III Elizabeth Sheppard Black (5).

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### W. AUGUSTUS BLACK

He enlisted on June 22, 1861, at Columbia, S. C., in a company known as the Boykin Rangers, commanded by Capt. A. H. Boykin, of Camden. This company went to Manassas and participated in the battle there. It was then attached to the Davis Legion, and later to the Hampton Legion, forming a part of the Second South Carolina Regiment commanded by Gen. M. C. Butler. After taking part in all the hard fought battles that regiment was engaged in Mr. Black was detailed as a scout by Generals Stuart and Hampton in December of 1863, and he served in this capacity until he was taken prisoner by the enemy.

A detachment from two companies was sent to establish a picket post but the men encountered an overwhelming force of the Federals and were forced to retire. While retreating rapidly, the enemy close behind, Mr. Black's horse could not keep up the pace, having been faithfully serving him day and night for a week, and the enemy overtook and forced Mr. Black to surrender. He had some important despatches in his possession at the time, which he determined the enemy should not secure. They had taken him near a camp fire and he knew that at any moment he would be examined and quick action was necessary to save the documents. Pretending that his body was itching he commenced scratching and in this way managed to get his hand into his pocket without arousing suspicion. Stepping quickly to the fire he threw the despatches into it, thus destroying them.

With other prisoners he was sent to Camp Chase, Ohio. At first the meals were adequate but soon the rations were cut and he nearly starved, becoming thin and moon-blind for lack



of nourishment. He used his time making and carving rings and trinkets of bone which he sold to get money with which to buy something to eat.

After seven months the prisoners, about one thousand men, were ordered sent to Fort Delaware, but when they reached Columbus, Ohio, they learned that the bay was frozen over and they were ordered back to Camp Chase, having to walk all the way. A week later they made the trip to Fort Delaware. When the ship neared the fort, Black and his companions went on deck to see their new quarters and gazed with loathing at the dark, dismal fort with its gloomy walls from which large guns frowned down upon them.

Shortly afterwards Black became ill with rheumatism, caused by the exposure he had to endure. He engaged a man to place him in a tub of hot water every night. Often the man had the water too hot but would put Black in it and go off to attend to some other work. Unable to get out of the tub by himself he had to helplessly suffer. The skin came off his back and limbs, but this harsh treatment cured him, and with returning health he began devising means of escape.

About this time an exchange of prisoners began, but as they were exchanging men from the west and he was from the south this did not offer much chance of getting away. One day he went to the barracks where the exchange was taking place and asked a man from the west to give him the name of some western man who had died in prison, explaining that he planned to use the name to escape. Before the westerner could answer the Federal officer began calling the names of those to be exchanged. Finally he called the name of Jesse V. Treadway, of Arkansas, and the westerner whispered to Black to answer to that name. Although six months in a damp and cold dungeon, on bread and water, was the penalty if detected, Black answered in a firm voice "Here!" "What regiment?" asked the officer. "Second Arkansas," answered Black who was prompted by his friend. Black's nerves were further taxed by sounds of whispering among the westerners, all of whom knew that Treadway had died in prison. As a final ordeal he had to sign his name on a piece of paper before all the men. He succeeded, however, and a few days later got aboard the transfer ship without arousing suspicion.



He hid himself in the darkest spot he could find, and finally arrived in Richmond. From there he went to Columbia, S. C., walking most of the way. When he got home he knocked at the door and his mother answered the call. He asked for a piece of bread for a poor soldier and his mother, not recognizing him, turned to get some food for him. He stepped into the hall, placed his satchel on the floor and said to it: "I have walked many miles to put you there!" At that moment his mother recognized him and with outstretched arms and tears of joy she welcomed her soldier boy home.

Mr. Black intended rejoining the army, but the war ended two weeks after he reached Columbia. Later he married and made his home in Georgetown, S. C.

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JOHN WESLEY AVINGER (4)

(James Henry Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

John Wesley Avinger was born May 17, 1844. He married Mary (Molly) Kilpatrick, who died September 9, 1937. Their children:

- I Lizzie Avinger (5). Born Feb. 12, 1868; married Mr. Edwards, Athens, Ga.
- 108 II Janie Avinger (5). Born May 13, 1870. Married John Perdue.
- III M. Eugenia Avinger (5). Born July 10, 1872.
- 109 IV John Herman Avinger (5). Born Feb. 18, 1874. Married Sally Reed Cloud.
- 110 V Della Avinger (5). Born March 27, 1876. Married Jesse Perdue.
- 111 VI Altha L. Avinger (5). Born Feb. 17, 1878. Married Mr. Hester.
- 112 VII Lola Estelle Avinger (5). Born July 20, 1884. Married W. A. Haggard.
- 113 VIII Ora Mae Avinger (5). Born July 22, 1890. Married W. J. Conway.

## ORIAN KENNEDY AVINGER (4)

(James Henry Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He married Elizabeth Pierce. They had five children, but the names of only two have been ascertained:

I Lee Avinger (5). He had two sons in World War II.

II James Henry Avinger (5).

## DANIEL B. AVINGER (4)

(James Henry Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Daniel Bernie Avinger was generally known as "Dock" Avinger. He married Susan Edwards in Selma, Alabama, Nov. 12, 1875, in a ceremony performed by the Rev. W. J. Norton. He lived to be eighty-six years old, of which thirty-eight were spent in Montgomery. He was born on March 3, 1851. Children:

I Eliza Avinger (5). Married J. E. Bowman, of Montgomery, Ala.

II Carrie Avinger (5). Married W. O. Thweatt.

III A daughter who married W. M. Pickard, of Georgiana, Ala.

IV Joseph Robert Avinger (5). He was a lieutenant in the first world war and died while in the service. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C. He married Ann Chaires, and they had four sons who live in Little Rock, Arkansas.

a. Robert Avinger (6).

b. Charles Avinger (6).

c. Wate Avinger (6).

d. Allen Avinger (6).

V Charles Edward Avinger (5). A Methodist minister at Pineapple, Ala.

VI Daniel Bernie Avinger, Jr. (5). Ticket agent for the Atlantic Coast Line R. R., at Lakeland, Fla.

VII A daughter who married J. E. Long.

VIII Alton C. Avinger (5). Train Dispatcher for the Atlantic Coast Line R. R. at Mobile, Ala.



## HENRY AVINGER (4)

(John Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born in Alabama, and served in the Confederate Army with the troops from his State. The name of his wife has not been ascertained. The children.

- I Rufus Avinger (5).
- II Jessie Avinger (5).
- III Homer Avinger (5).

## FRANKLIN EVANS AVINGER (4)

(John Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Date of birth not given. Died in 1943.

He was generally called Frank, rather than Franklin. He lived in Brownswood, Texas. His children:

- I Maggie Avinger (5).
- II Willie Avinger (5).
- III Chester Avinger (5).
- IV Eula Avinger (5).

## JOHN PINCKNEY AVINGER (4)

(John Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

John Pinckney Avinger died on December 15, 1928. He married Emma Patrick, who died on May 27, 1937. Their children were:

- 114 I Onfrey Patrick Avinger (5).
- II Esther Avinger (5).
- III Ruby Avinger (5).
- IV Iva Avinger (5).
- V Ava Avinger (5).
- VI Alma Avinger (5).

## LEWIS AVINGER (4)

(Pinckney H. Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Lewis Avinger was born on March 28, 1845.

He enlisted with D. J. Avinger in Co. F, Twenty-fifth S. C. Regiment, which was known generally as the Edisto Rifles.

He married Katherine (Catty) Rush. Their children were:

I Lewis Avinger, Jr. (5).

II Willie Avinger (5).

III Minnie Avinger (5).

## ROLAND JACOB AVINGER (4)

(Pinckney H. Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

After serving in the Confederate Army throughout the War Between the States he married Mary Ann Griffin. They had six children:

I Mary Avinger (5). Married a Mr. Masterman.

II Lizzie Avinger (5). Married a Mr. Myers.

115 III Agnew Avinger (5).

IV A. P. Avinger (5). Married — Arant.

V David Hamilton Avinger (5). Married Amelia Eliza Masterman. He died on March 25, 1932.

VI Manley Avinger (5). Married a Miss Harvey.

## CAROLINE S. AVINGER (4)

(Pinckney H. Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She married Curtis Dave Shuler. Their children were:

I Pinckney Shuler (5). He married Marcena Way, of Eutawville, who bore four children before she died. His second wife was Mrs. Amanda Wolfe Rucker. She died about 1930, and Pinckney then married Agnes Livingston.



- II Edna Shuler (5). Married James Way, of Parler, S. C.
- III John Shuler (5). He married Emily Wolfe, who died after bearing five children. He then married Louise Dukes, of Vance.
- IV Minnie Shuler (5). She died about 1930.
- V Sallie Shuler (5).
- VI Ann Shuler (5). Married William Bull.
- VII Beulah Shuler (5). She married J. Luther Irick, of Elloree, S. C.
- VIII Viola Shuler (5). Married Spain Myers, of Vance, S. C.

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### JOHN PINCKNEY AVINGER (4)

(Pinckney H. Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

John Pinckney Avinger the son of P. H. Avinger was a cousin of John Pinckney Avinger the son of John Avinger. He was married twice, each time to a widow. His first wife was Mrs. Mary Ann Shuler Way, widow of Berry Way, and his second wife was Mrs. Ella Wolfe Aimar. The children of John Pinckney Avinger were:

- I Adonis Norman Avinger (5). He married Mary Livingston. For many years he was president of the Orangeburg Coca Cola Company. His son, A. N. Avinger, Jr., married a daughter of Dr. John Frank Geiger, of Manning, S. C., and they had one son, Adonis Norman Avinger III.
- II Noel S. Avinger (5). Born in 1887, and died Nov. 24, 1932. He owned and operated a large drug store in Jacksonville, Florida, for many years. He married Irene Riley and they had one son, Noel S. Avinger, Jr.
- III Clyde Avinger (5).

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### EDWARD JOSEPH AVINGER (4)

(Pinckney H. Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born on January 9, 1861. He married Electra C. Patrick. Their children were:

- 116 I Reed Harleston Avinger (5).  
117 II Harvey F. Avinger (5).

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LEWIS JOHN JAMES BALDRICK (4)

(Mary F. Avinger 3. John Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Born on July 20, 1848, and died about 1907. Buried in Lakeland, Fla.

He was a cadet at the military academy in Alabama during the War Between the States and entered the Confederate service with this cadet corps near the end of the war.

He married Susan Powell in 1869. Their children were:

I Mary Ella Baldrick (5). She married B. C. Baum. They had one son, Roland Baum, who died in Asheville, N. C.

II Lula Isabelle Baldrick (5).

III Louis Felder Baldrick (5). He married Mary Bowman, and they made their home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

LULA ISABELL BALDRICK

Lula Isabelle Baldrick was born in 1871. She married Frank C. Bowyer, of West Virginia, in 1892.

Mr. Bowyer was born near Huntington, W. Va., in March 1851, and died in Tampa, Florida, on Oct. 18, 1925. His father was part owner of the Bowyer Coal Mines in what is now West Virginia, on lands granted to the immigrant Bowyer by King Charles of England shortly after Virginia was settled. These mines have remained in the Bowyer family ever since operations first began.

Frank Clayton Bowyer went to Tampa, Fla., and engaged in the wholesale brokerage business, in which he was eminently successful. He was president of the Tampa Board of Trade for seven consecutive years, and in 1897 was elected mayor of the city.

The children of F. C. Bowyer and Lula Isabelle Baldrick:

I Frank P. Bowyer (6). Born in 1893. He became a successful business man in Tampa, and in 1960 owns a large well paying orange grove about four miles



from the city. He married Gladys Coarsey, and have two sons:

- a. Frank P. Bowyer, Jr. (7). Born in 1917. He married Doris Costello and made his home in Knoxville, Tenn. They have three children:
    - F. P. Bowyer III. (8).
    - Miranne Bowyer (8).
    - Patricia Bowyer (8).
  - b. Wiley Bowyer (7). Born in 1925. During World War II he saw service aboard a hospital ship and received his honorable discharge at Shanghai, China. He graduated from the University of Tampa, and in 1951 became a teacher of business law at the St. Petersburg High School, in St. Petersburg, Fla.
- II Russell Baldrick Bowyer (6). Born in 1897. He married Ann Franklin (Frankie) Collins. Their children:
- a. Sarah Lou Bowyer (7). Married Vincent Patton.
  - b. Russell Baldrick Bowyer, Jr. (7). During World War II he was a radar operator on a U. S. destroyer.
- III Fred L. Bowyer (6). Born in 1900. He graduated from Georgia Tech, and became a construction contractor in Jackson, Tenn. He married Jane Ogier. Their children:
- a. Fred L. Bowyer, Jr. (7). Born in 1938.
  - b. Isabelle Bowyer (7). Born in 1939.
  - c. James O. Bowyer (7). Born in 1942.

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EFFIE ANN HOUSER (5)

(Susan E. Way 4. Mary Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Effie Ann Houser, great-granddaughter of Laurence Avinger, married John Bookhart. They had five children:

- I Pearl Bookhart (6).
- II Ruby Bookhart (6).
- III Marion Bookhart (6).

IV Ferris Bookhart (6).

V Elmer Bookhart (6).

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IDA GERALDINE HOUSER (5)

(Susan E. Way 4. Mary Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Born on August 8, 1874. She married Lewis William Bookhart on November 30, 1898. He was born on April 9, 1874. Their children:

I Delphin Bookhart (6). Lives in Charleston, S. C.

II Breta Bookhart (6).

III Belva Bookhart (6).

IV Reena Bookhart (6). She married S. Roger Brown, of Washington, D. C., on Nov. 19, 1935. She graduated in nursing from the Highland Hospital in Asheville, N. C., and worked for several months and then took a position with the Mountain View Hospital in Roseland, New Jersey. They now live in Elloree, S. C.

V Cecil Bookhart (6). Lives in Elloree.

VI Theran Bookhart (6). Lives in Charleston, S. C.

VII A child who died while very young.

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LEILA V. MOORER (5)

(Frances E. Way 4. Mary Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Leila Moorer married John Wesley O'Cain, son of Watson O'Cain, on Jan. 27, 1887. Mr. O'Cain was an industrious planter and at the time of his death in August of 1942 was operating a forty-mule farm. Besides his widow he left nine children, seventeen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. His children were:

I Alma O'Cain (6). Born Feb. 2, 1889.

II Vernon Winfred O'Cain (6). Born Jan. 24, 1891.



- III Zena St. Clair O'Cain (6). Born Oct. 29, 1892.
- IV William Harold O'Cain (6).
- V Carrie Wilma O'Cain (6).
- VI John Ennis O'Cain (6).
- VII Hazel Moorer O'Cain (6).
- VIII Ashton Earle O'Cain (6).
- IX Arthur Allen O'Cain (6).

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WILLIAM DURANT MOORER (5)

(Frances E. Way 4. Mary Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

The date of his birth has not been ascertained. He died on May 8, 1922.

William Durant Moorer was a graduate of Furman University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and held the degree of Doctor of Divinity. After serving several churches in South Carolina he went to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he and his wife died. He married Beatrice Graham, of Scranton, S. C. She was born on Nov. 30, 1871. Their children were:

- I William Durant Moorer, Jr. (6). Born on Aug. 16, 1898.
- II Elizabeth Graham Moorer (6). Born on May 5, 1901.
- III Margaret Cobb Moorer (6). Born on June 4, 1909.

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ERNEST SAMUEL MOORER (5).

(Frances E. Way 4. Mary Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Ernest Samuel Moorer married Emily Jones Divver, of Anderson, S. C., a daughter of Dr. Richard Furman Divver. She was born on April 24, 1874. In 1960 they lived in Greenwood, S. C., and have one son:

- I Ernest Samuel Moorer, Jr. (6). He was born on Aug. 15, 1907. For a time he attended Bailey Military Insti-

tute and then entered the South Carolina Military Academy (Citadel), where he graduated in 1930. He taught school in Anniston, Alabama, for a while and then entered the journalistic field, accepting a position as telegraph editor of the News and Courier, Charleston, S. C. Here he met and married Elise C. Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Marshall. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents on Nov. 30, 1932. Miss Marshall received her education at Warrenton, Virginia, and at Columbia University, New York. At the time of her marriage she was a member of the reportorial staff of the News and Courier. They have a daughter, Vera Marshall Moorer, who was born on Oct. 2, 1942.

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### VERA EULITA MOORER (5)

(Frances E. Way 4. Mary Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born on Aug. 17, 1864, and died on Dec. 12, 1939.

In a ceremony performed in the Citadel Square Baptist Church in Charleston on April 12, 1898, she became the wife of Charles Jefferson Rollins, son of the Rev. Jeff Rollins, of Williamsburg County, S. C. Their children:

- I Lucile Eulita Rollins (6). Born on Jan. 8, 1899.
- II Charles Averette Rollins (6). Born Nov. 5, 1900.
- III Ernest William Rollins (6).
- IV Leland Gregory Rollins (6).
- V Doris Eleanor Rollins (6).
- VI Elwin Moorer Rollins (6).
- VII Richard David Rollins (6).

## 71-A

### WALTER C. AVINGER (5)

(James F. Avinger 4. William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)



He was born in 1874. He married Mrs. Leila Tumblin, daughter of Peter Tinsley, a Confederate soldier. She was born Oct 12, 1881, and died April 14, 1961. Children:

I Walter C. Avinger, Jr. (6). A sergeant in U. S. Army in World War II.

II John F. Avinger (6).

III Arthur Dewey Avinger (6).

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### WADE HAMPTON AVINGER (5)

(James F. Avinger 4. William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born in 1876, and died on Dec. 1, 1951.

For some undisclosed reason he was generally known as "Ed" instead of as Wade. He worked as a lineman for several electric and telephone companies. He finally chanced to come into contact with a heavy voltage electric wire and was so badly burned and injured he was unable to work any more. He married Daisy Newman, and they had one daughter:

I Lena Avinger (6). She married, first, Ernest Waltby for whom she had one son, Ernest Waltby, Jr., (6), a captain in the U. S. Army. Her second husband is James H. Braswell. They live in Charleston, where she holds an important position at the Navy Yard. She is a member of Avinger Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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### ERNEST CHRISTOPHER AVINGER (5).

(Thomas J. Avinger 4. William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born in July, 1874, and died in June, 1939.

Ernest C. Avinger was born in Charleston, where he attended a public school, and also studied music. He became an excellent pianist, but did not make music his profession.

He married Eloise Coutevenier and moved to Cainhoy, Berkeley County, S. C., where for several years his wife taught school.

He engaged in the mercantile business, and also operated a freight boat between Wando and Charleston.

A brother of his wife, Julius A. Coutevenier, was an excellent cabinet maker, and made many articles which are highly valued possessions of some of the most influential families in Charleston. He learned the art of cabinet making under Robert C. Millings, husband of Emma C. Avinger.

Hoping a change of climate would improve the health of his grandson, Ernest C. Avinger III, he went to Hendersonville, N. C., in the spring of 1939, but while there he suffered an attack of acute indigestion and died. His body was brought back to Charleston and interred in Bethany Cemetery. He was a Lutheran and the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Ernest Long, his pastor.

Their children were:

- I Ernest C. Avinger II (6).
- II George H. Avinger (6).
- III Waldorf J. Avinger (6).
- IV John J. Avinger (6).
- V Carolyn L. Avinger (6). In 1935, while teaching home economics at the Cross High School, she was elected president of Berkeley County 4-H Club Leaders. She was with the American Red Cross during World War II.

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### JOHN AZARIOUS (RALPH) MILLINGS (5)

(Emma C. Avinger 4, William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born December 25, 1871, and died April 14, 1913.

Holidays played an important part in the life of John A. Millings. He was born on a Christmas Day; met his wife on a Valentine Day, and died on a Valentine Day. He was christened John Azarious but when a young man working in a wholesale store his sister Mary, who was away teaching school, in a joking mood addressed a letter to him as "John Ralph Millings." His fellow workers took it up and kept calling him John Ralph, and finally he actually adopted and used the name Ralph in the place of Azarious.



He received his education in private and public schools in Charleston, the first being a private Catholic school known as "The Brothers' School". A picture of the students at this school shows him to be the smallest there at that time. He was quick to learn and at the age of five years could understandingly read a newspaper. About this time Sarah Bernhardt, a famous singer of that day, gave a concert in the old Academy of Music in Charleston. For this special occasion the stage was fitted with furnishings borrowed from the large furniture store of Robert C. Millings, father of John, and during the concert John appeared on the stage and recited a poem written by his father entitled "Palmetto To The Front."

While still a small boy he studied French at the Huchet School, a private school at the corner of Rutledge Avenue and Bull Street conducted by three Huchet sisters. These ladies were of French birth, and were personal friends of the Marquis de la Fayette, who visited them when he came to Charleston.

John Millings attended Bennett Public School, and in the possession of the writer, his sister, is a picture showing him in the highest class of this school with his teacher, Mr. Archer.

When he finished Stewart High School at the age of fourteen years he was proficient in Latin, Greek, and French. John then took a course in bookkeeping at the Bergmann Business School.

Shortly afterwards he secured a position with the N. A. Hunt wholesale shoe store. Later he entered the employ of C. B. Huiet, a wholesale sugar broker, as a bookkeeper. Soon he was made auditor and was sent to various depots of the refinery which Mr. Huiet represented to check and trace shipments of sugar. His work was so satisfactory that he was placed in charge of the depot at Savannah, and while there he attended a Valentine party at the home of Dr. Brannen and there met the lady who became his wife.

As an employee of the sugar firm he proved to be such an earnest and energetic worker that when he left the firm Mr. Huiet importuned him to return to his old position, declaring that he had found it necessary to use three men to do the work formerly done by John Millings alone.

He had left Mr. Huiet because after many years of this arduous work his health began to fail. Hoping to recuperate his health through outdoor activities he became associated with



Edward P. Campbell, then a real estate dealer in Charleston. His health failed to improve, however, and he passed away when only forty-two years of age.

He married Norah Allen on July 30, 1906. She was a daughter of George and Marita Allen, and was born in London, England, on March 28, 1884. Her father was a musician. She had one brother, Oliver Allen. The family left England and lived in Australia for a time, leaving there on Sept. 28, 1898, for America, arriving in Savannah, Ga., on Nov. 2, 1898. Oliver Allen became a major in the U. S. Army during the first world war, and is buried in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Throughout his life John Ralph Millings was devoted to his parents and sisters, always considering their welfare rather than his own interests. His unselfishness and unquestioned loyalty to truth made staunch friends of acquaintances. His wife declared after his death "If Johnnie hasn't gone to Heaven it is no use for any one else to try."

The children of John R. Millings and Norah Allen Millings were:

- 118 I Ella Norah Millings (6). Born June 4, 1907.
- II John Ralph Millings (6). Born July 19, 1910, and died April 18, 1926.
- III Emma Marita Millings (6). Born Sept. 3, 1912. She married John Dru Cade on Sept. 1, 1930, and had one son:
  - a. John D. Cade, Jr. (7).

### PALMETTO TO THE FRONT

(This poem written by Robert C. Millings was recited by his son, John Ralph Millings, at the Sarah Bernhardt concert mentioned above.)

Palmetto to the front at last,—

We can hear their marshaling tread;  
Her days of lethargy are past.

Now when her children cry for bread,  
The hardy ploughmen hear the wail,  
Then shouting defiance on the gale:  
From shore to shore they muster, throng!  
Wild shouts "for Hampton" loud and long,  
In joyous revelry.



We've stood the test of fire-brand,  
The match-box and braggarts prattles,  
By pardon'd thieves from Sing Sing land,—  
Their game was to filch our chattels;  
But Tilden will their days cut short,  
And Chamberlain from this State escort,  
Then we'll hoist our flag untarnished,  
With Palmettoes richly garnished,  
In joyous revelry.

Now the spirits of our mothers,  
They call upon us from the dead,  
While the phantoms of our fathers  
Cry shame on us—then hide their head.  
Those cravens now must leave our soil,  
Our fathers' bones at them recoil;  
The Stars and Stripes we will defend,  
But State Rights is our noble end,  
In joyous revelry.

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MARY EMMA C. MILLINGS (5)

(Emma C. Avinger 4. William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2.  
Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Mary Emma C. Millings, generally called Mamie, was born at Vance's Ferry on January 25, 1874. Her parents moved to Charleston, where she attended Memminger High School, completing the final two years of high school in one year. For a while she taught school in Cordesville, S. C. She then opened a millinery store in Charleston, which she operated successfully for several years.

As a young lady she was popular, as a business woman she proved to be energetic and astute, and as a mother she was fearless and untiring in her efforts to promote the welfare of her children and give them the education and accomplishments befitting ladies and gentlemen. After her marriage she took time out from the cares of a growing family to participate in civic affairs. She was keenly interested in a Parent-Teacher Association, took an active part in plant exchange programs of



the Charleston Museum, and was associated with the first group of women voters after the franchise was granted them. She was an active member of the Charleston Civic Club, of which she was elected treasurer, but soon afterwards resigned because of the increasing demands of family interests.

She married Carl Ludwig Sorensen, who was born in Kjoee, Denmark, Feb. 28, 1878. His father and oldest brother, Peter Sorensen, were captains of ocean-going vessels. His sister, Madeline Sorensen, married her first cousin, who became Danish consul to China. They had one son, Eric Sorensen, who became a lawyer for "the crown," that is, for the King of Denmark.

Carl Ludwig Sorensen was known in Charleston as Charlie Sorensen. He was a watchmaker and jeweler by trade. For many years he was employed at the U. S. navy yard in Charleston, first as a small tool maker, and later to keep precision tools and government watches and clocks in good condition. He was of rather slight build and walked with a military stride which caused many to jokingly refer to him as "straight-backed Charlie."

After retiring from the navy yard he made two trips to his home in Denmark. On his second trip he suffered a stroke of paralysis. Because of World War I breaking out at the time he was unable to return to America and died in Denmark.

The children of Mamie Millings and Carl Sorensen were:

119 I Marie Cecelia Sorensen (6).

II John Carl Sorensen (6). He was popular among the boys and graduated from Mitchell Public School with honors. He died while a student at high school.

III George Whitmore Sorensen (6). He married, first, Nellie Elizabeth Hamsley on Sept. 16, 1930, at Moncks Corner, S. C. One son resulted from this marriage:

a. George W. Sorensen, Jr. (7).

Edree Williams became his second wife. Their children:

a. John Carl Sorensen (7).

b. Robert Sorensen (7).

c. Mary Ella Sorensen, called "Sandy."

120 IV Virginia Rita Sorensen (6).

V Genevieve Arlee Sorensen (6). She married John R. Walton, Jr., on May 22, 1939. For several years they



have made their home in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, Mr. Walton having been transferred to Providence, R. I. by U. S. naval authorities. While living in Charleston "Gen," as Mrs. Walton is generally called, was active in social and church organizations. She was a charter member and an officer of Avinger Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mr. and Mrs. Walton have one son:

a. John R. Walton III (7).

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### ELLA VERONICA MILLINGS (5)

(Emma C. Avinger 4. William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born in Charleston, S. C., on July 9, 1880. Died June 18, 1960.

She received her education in private and public schools in Charleston, the first being a private school conducted by Miss Ella Swackey in Charleston. Then she attended the Brownfield private school in Summerville, S. C., for a while. Returning to Charleston she enrolled at Memminger High School. A devoted Sunday School pupil she was awarded a solid gold medal when she graduated from the Sunday School of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Ella Millings married M. C. Orvin on June 30, 1915, at Florence, S. C.

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(Editor's note: In her preface and in the above section is information about the author of this genealogical work as written by herself, but the editor presumes to add more)

Her father owned and operated a successful business for many years but ill health finally brought misfortune, and when but fourteen years of age Ella, feeling need for money, persuaded her parents to allow her to learn the millinery business under an experienced milliner. In those days it was considered a privilege to be taken in as an apprentice by such an establishment and the apprentice was glad to work for little or nothing in order to learn the trade. She worked two seasons in a



millinery store operated by a Mrs. Zernow, for a small salary. She then decided to go back to school, and remained in school for several years. Then she learned stenographic and secretarial work in a business school conducted by Miss Mary Hughes. She secured a job in a sugar distributing establishment, but office work failed to appeal to her and she resigned. In the meantime her sister had opened and was operating a millinery store. In 1902 her sister, Mrs. Sorensen, decided to go to New York with her husband, who had been transferred to the U. S. navy yard there. Ella took over the store, agreeing to pay for it as she made the money. She was successful and soon paid for the business. About this time she became interested in real estate and, as a starter, bought a lot on the installment plan. After five years of success in the millinery business she sold out and began "dabbling" in real estate. Starting in a small way, buying, renting, and selling at a profit, she developed a keen sense of values and soon became recognized as a woman of good business ability.

On June 30, 1915, she married M. Clayton Orvin, who was then in the insurance business in Florence, S. C. In 1916 they returned to Charleston, which became their permanent hometown. Her interest in real estate and other financial transactions continued up to the time of her death,—but her only office was her home. All with whom she dealt found her to be of sound judgment and absolutely fair, but steadfast in hewing to the line, even to the point of sometimes being considered "hard" in business matters.

She was also active in other fields. When very young she became interested in genealogy, as previously stated, and this interest increased with the years. So many of her people having been Confederate soldiers she became an "unreconstructed rebel". About 1902 she was admitted as a member of the Charleston Chapter, United Daughter of the Confederacy. In 1952 she withdrew from this chapter and organized the Avenger Chapter, giving Charleston a second chapter in this great women's organization. A descendant of Thomas Hynson, a colonial civil officer of Maryland, she was admitted to membership in a Georgia chapter of the Dames of the Court of Honor, and in 1950 helped organize the South Carolina Society of this association, serving as a trustee that year. Her



membership is listed as No. 399 in the National Society and as No. 6 in the S. C. Society. In 1957 she was accepted as a member of the Daughters of the American Colonists, and in 1960 was elected registrar of the Charleston Chapter, having previously served as secretary. She was also an active member of several other societies.

Ambitious and energetic she could not abide sloth in others. Exacting in business matters she was also exacting in day to day life, and measured the worth of others by her own high standard of conduct.

Denied the joy of motherhood she devoted many years of her married life to the welfare and material advancement of an orphaned niece, whom she took into her home and reared as a daughter.

She was reared a Roman Catholic, and faithfully attended the services of her church regardless of the condition of weather or health. She was ever ready to visit and do all she could for the sick. Generous in contributing to her church she also from time to time found pleasure in contributing to the Salvation Army, which she deemed a most worthy organization.

About five-thirty o'clock on Saturday afternoon June 18, 1960, she began to get ready to attend and preside at a meeting of her beloved Avinger Chapter, U.D.C., and while arranging her hair she suffered a stroke. Rushed to a hospital she was given all aid humanly possible but a hemorrhage occurred and at ten-thirty that night she passed away.)

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### VICTOR S. MAREE (5)

(Martha C. A. W. Avinger 4. William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Victor S. Maree was born in Cordesville, S. C. He married Elizabeth Middleton Rich, who was born in Clark's Hill, S. C., on November 22, 1887. She died on January 13, 1936. Their children:

- I John R. Maree (6). He became a merchant marine.
- II St. Clair Maree (6).
- III Carroll Maree (6).

IV Martha Maree (6).

V Elizabeth Maree (6).

VI Pauline Maree (6). She married C. V. Dawson, who in 1960 operates a drug store in Avondale, a suburb of Charleston, S. C.

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LETTIE MAREE (5)

(Martha C. A. W. Avinger 4. William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Lettie Maree married R. Lon Weeks, a prominent lawyer and politician of Dorchester County. Their home was in St. George.

Very active socially Mrs. Weeks became a great help to her husband politically. For several years she was president of the St. George Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, but resigned in 1931. She was also recording secretary of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, and an active member of the St. George Thursday Afternoon Book Club.

Their children:

I Margaret Adele Weeks (6). In October of 1937 she married Samuel Newton Burts, Jr., of Spartanburg, S. C. She was a popular student at the North Carolina College for Women, where she was a member of the Cornelian Club. Mr. Burts graduated from Wofford College, and studied law at the University of South Carolina.

II A daughter who married George King, of Spartanburg, S. C.

III Richard Weeks (6).

IV Kenneth Weeks (6).

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RANSOME EDWARD MAHONEY AVINGER II (5)

(R. E. M. Avinger 4. William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)



He was born in Cordesville, S. C., on Jan. 26, 1884, and died in Charleston on July 7, 1950.

When a young man he left Cordesville and made his home in Charleston, where he was connected with the city police for many years.

He married Lois Jacques. Their children:

I Elizabeth Avinger (6). She was born in Charleston on Jan. 30, 1918. She married, first, a Mr. Martin, who served in the U. S. Army during World War II. She married, second, William Graham, who was a merchant marine during World War II. They live in Charleston and have two children:

a. Catherine Graham (7).

b. William Graham, Jr. (7).

II Ransome Edward Mahoney Avinger III (6). He was born on Feb. 11, 1924. He graduated at the Charleston High School, and in World War II he served in the United States Marine Corps. After the war he became connected with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., as a cable splicer. He was called back into the armed forces at the outbreak of the Korean War. An ardent sportsman he was a familiar figure in baseball and football circles. He is a member of Asbury Memorial Methodist Church, and sings in their choir.

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### JOHN DAVID SHULER (5)

(Caroline Avinger 4. John Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born on April 28, 1852.

John Shuler was a prosperous farmer of the Feldersville section of Orangeburg County. He married Cecelia Weymer, and they had six children:

121 I John D. Shuler, Jr. (6). Moved to California. Died in 1951.

II Carrie Shuler (6). Married Wm. P. Gramlin, of Orangeburg, S. C.

III Jessie Shuler (6). Married James J. Burton, of Ninety-Six, S. C.

IV Edward N. Shuler (6).

V Minnie Olar Shuler (6). Born on Dec. 1, 1896, and died in August of 1933. She married Dr. H. W. Koopman in 1922. At the time of her death they were living in Clifton, S. C. They had four children, three of whom survived their mother:

a. H. W. Koopman, Jr. (7).

b. John Edward Koopman (7).

c. Robert W. Koopman (7).

VI Harry S. Shuler (6). He made Elloree his home. Two children:

a. Cecelia Shuler (7). When only twelve years old she was the winner in a county-wide spelling bee held in Elloree in April, 1947.

b. Harry S. Shuler, Jr. (7).

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### ELIZABETH NUELLE SHULER (5)

(Caroline Avinger 4. John Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born on Jan. 28, 1856, and died in March, 1937.

She married Bascom Shuler, son of Dr. Shuler, dentist, and grandson of Colonel Dave Shuler. He was a well-to-do-planter. Also served as mayor of Elloree.

Elizabeth Nuella Shuler graduated at Converse College, and taught school for several years. She was active in church work, being a member of the Women's Missionary Society of the Elloree Methodist Church, and a Sunday School teacher. She was made an honorary member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Her father died while a prisoner of war in New York.

The place she held in the affections of those who knew her is evidenced in the notice of her funeral in the Charleston News and Courier of March 8, 1937:

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth N. Shuler, eighty-one, who died at her home here Friday morn-



ing were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at Elloree Methodist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. L. D. S. Williams officiating. Rev. F. L. Clennan, of Summer-ville, a former pastor of Elloree Methodist Church, assisted in the services. Interment was in Jerusalem Cemetery.

All places of business in Elloree were closed during the hour of the services as a token of respect to the passing of an outstanding citizen of this community.

Just a few months before her death she was a guest of honor at a dinner given by her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Bull. Present at this dinner, besides the guest of honor and the hostess, were Mrs. Ewart Shuler and children; Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Bull, of Providence; Mrs. L. C. Buskirk, of Michigan; the Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Arant and Morgan Arant; Steve Lambert, Jr., of Georgetown, and Miss Elizabeth Shuler and Vernon Wactor, representing four generations.

The children of Elizabeth N. and Bascom Shuler were:

122 I Warren Shuler (6).

II Carrie Shuler (6). She married Joe Vance Bull. For many years she was organist for Elloree Methodist Church, and for twenty-three years was treasurer of the Missionary Society of this church. She resigned in December, 1939. She was a renowned cook and whenever a marriage occurred in the neighborhood she was called upon to bake the wedding cake.

123 III Cora Shuler (6).

IV Zibe Shuler (6).

124 V Ewart Shuler (6).

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### ALONZO L. HART (5)

(Susan Avinger 4. John Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He married Ann Murray, and they had five children.

I Augustus Hart (6).

II Clara Hart (6).

125 III W. St. Clair Hart (6).

IV Cleve Hart (6).

V Connie Hart (6). Married D. A. Phillips, of Holly Hill, S. C.

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JULIA LAVINIA AVINGER (5)

(Hamilton J. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born February 17, 1858.

She married W. M. Heddick. They had only one child:

I Clyde Heddick (6). Born October 31, 1880.

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CAROLINE CATHERINE AVINGER (5)

(Hamilton J. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Born February 26, 1860; died April 10, 1941.

She was postmistress at Avinger, Texas, for six years. She married A. M. Heddick, a magistrate and realtor of Mineral Wells, Texas. Their children:

I George Hamilton Heddick (6). Born September 16, 1883. He married Bertha Harrington, and made his home in Sayre, Oklahoma. One child:

a. George H. Heddick, Jr. (7). Born Oct. 12, 1914.

II Marie Heddick (6). Became a school teacher in Austin, Texas.

III Grace Evelyn Heddick (6). She married W. F. Garrison. Two children:

a. Gene W. Garrison (7). Born December 14, 1929.

b. Joe Ann Garrison (7). Born September 30, 1932.

IV Leota Heddick (6). Married Chas. Keyser, of Mineral Wells, Texas.

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LAURENCE H. AVINGER (5).

(Hamilton J. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)



He was a successful merchant and farmer of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and at one time, around 1905, he published a newspaper there. He married Gertrude Philips on December 30, 1884. She was born November 16, 1867, and died on August 18, 1889. They had two children:

- I Laurence H. Avinger, Jr. (6). Born July 4, 1887; died May 18, 1889.
- II Blanche Avinger (6). Born July 9, 1889. She married Alexander H. Lattimer on August 18, 1908. He was born on March 2, 1888.

They had three children:

- a. Gertrude Lattimer (7). Born July 4, 1909. She married W. Don West on April 21, 1929.
- b. Mattie Hugh Lattimer (7). Born June 20, 1914. She married B. H. Isles on March 14, 1936.
- c. A. H. Lattimer, Jr. (7).

On December 29, 1892, Laurence H. Avinger married Mamie Magrill, daughter of Eliza Avinger and John Magrill. The ceremony was performed at the home of his uncle, George W. Avinger, in Cordesville, S. C. She died on July 19, 1937. The children of Laurence and Mamie Avinger were:

- I John H. Avinger (6).
- II Laurence M. Avinger (6). He married Ruby Lowe, and they made their home in Fort Worth, Texas.
- III Mamie Avinger (6). She married a Mr. DeFord, of Sulphur Springs, Texas. One daughter:
  - a. Elizabeth DeFord (7).
- IV Joe Dan Avinger (6). He graduated from the Southern Methodist University with the degree of B.S. in 1923, and became a teacher in the high school of Texarkana, Texas. In World War II he was a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, and was in charge of a gun crew of twenty-seven men aboard the merchant vessel Liberty when a convoy of which his ship was a part was attacked from the air at Algiers. The attack lasted two hours, but all American ships escaped being hit by any of the many bombs dropped.
- V Elise Avinger (6).

## MRS. L. H. AVINGER

Dated July 23, 1937, from Sulphur Springs, this appeared in a local paper:

Mrs. L. H. Avinger, 65, of Sulphur Springs, a most highly esteemed good woman, died at 6:30 o'clock Monday morning at the family residence on College Street.

Pallbearers: Weldon Lindley, Campbell Moncrief, Bill Chamberlain, Bill Smith, Joe Tom Wood, Allen Ardis, John Faulk, Jesse Gee, Claude McCorkle, Burt Waits, Ben Camp, and Martin Boucher.

Mrs. Mamie Magrill Avinger was born near Elloree, S. C., July 16, 1872; passed away July 19, 1937. She was married to L. H. Avinger Dec. 29, 1892. To this union five children were born: John H. Avinger, Avinger, Texas; Laurence M. Avinger, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Mack G. DeFord, Joe Dan and Elise Avinger, Sulphur Springs, Texas. She is survived by her husband, L. H. Avinger, all of her children and a brother, D. E. Magrill, and one step-daughter, Mrs. Hugh Lattimer, Fort Worth Texas, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of whom were present when she died.

When about eight years of age she joined the Lutheran church, but shortly after her marriage she joined the Methodist church and the Woman's Missionary Society, in both of which she took an active part until her health became impaired several years ago.

The following tribute to her was also written by a neighbor soon after her death:

Our hearts are sad because of the loss of one of the truest, noblest women it has ever been our pleasure to know. Her life was an inspiration to her family, her neighbors and friends. In spite of her failing health, her life was full to overflowing with love, faith and charity toward her fellowman. She was loved by all, from the oldest to the smallest child in her neighborhood because of her unselfishness and thoughtfulness of others.



## D. HIRAM AVINGER (5)

(Alex. P. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Hiram Avinger married Minnie Dantzler, daughter of Lewis W. and Catherine Bull Dantzler. He was born in 1872, and died in December, 1942. His body lies in the Bell Cemetery, near Vance, S. C.

Their children:

- I Mattie Mae Avinger (6). She attended Lander College, and then taught school in South Carolina for several years. She married Daniel A. Winter, a son of S. P. and Shellie Hiott Winter.
- II Margie Lee Avinger (6). She married E. O. Aultman.
- III Jacquelin Julia Lee Avinger (6).
- 125-A IV Herman Middleton Avinger (6). He was a sergeant in World War II.
- V Violet Avinger (6) Married Grey P. Beatty on Nov. 28, 1929.
- VI Daniel H. Avinger (6).
- VII "T" Avinger (6). Married Otis Ortman.

## BELLE AVINGER (5)

(Alex. P. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Belle Avinger married Frederick N. Rickenbaker, and lived in Cameron, S. C. Their children:

- I Frederick N. Rickenbaker, Jr. (6). He served in the U. S. armed forces during World War II, and was stationed in England.
- II Nicholas Rickenbaker (6).
- III Elizabeth Rickenbaker (6).

## MAMIE AVINGER (5)

(Alex. P. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She married Charles Mason Montgomery, a merchant of Elloree, S. C. She was an active member of the Elloree Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and many of their meetings were held at her home.

They had four children:

- I Margaret Hazel Montgomery (6). She graduated from Columbia College in June of 1937. She married Clay Doyle Alexander, of Seneca, S. C., on October 2, 1937. She was killed in an automobile accident, and her husband was disfigured for life.
- II Myrtle Elizabeth Montgomery (6). She was a twin sister of Margaret Hazel, and graduated from Columbia College at the same time. She married Morris K. Ford, of Dothan, Alabama, on Feb. 10, 1938.
- III Leslie Montgomery (6). He married Martha Mitchell, a daughter of Lewis Mitchell, of Leesville, S. C., on March 7, 1939.
- IV Mary Louise Montgomery (6). She married Jack DesPortes Boyd, of Ridgeway, S. C., in December, 1939.

In 1936 the twin sisters, Margaret Hazel and Myrtle Elizabeth Montgomery, were chosen to jointly represent their home town at the Azalea Festival in Charleston, the title "Miss Elloree" being conferred upon them.

## ELISE CATHERINE AVINGER (5)

(Daniel J. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born in Vance, S. C., on August 10, 1882, and died on May 21, 1950.

Elise Catherine Avinger married Roland Q. Moorner in December, 1902. He was killed instantly in an automobile wreck on



May 6, 1936, when his car collided with a truck on the Five Chop Road eight miles east of Orangeburg, S. C. he was buried in Jerusalem Cemetery.

Elise was a member of the Parler Methodist Church, the Parler Missionary Society, a past worthy matron of the Ellore Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the first president of the Ellore-Parler Garden Club, and was active in the home demonstration club of Ellore.

She had been in ill health for more than two years before her death in 1950. She was buried beside her husband in Jerusalem Cemetery. Their children:

I Roland Quincy Moorer, Jr. (6).

II Dorothy Elise Moorer (6). She married F. Glenn Cox, of Linwood, N. C., on April 11, 1929, and after his death she married Edward C. Arant, on May 9, 1939.

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### DAZ AVINGER (5)

(Daniel J. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She married William Dantzler, a rural mail carrier. She fell a victim to pneumonia and died on April 10, 1928. Her husband died in 1946. Their children:

I William Dantzler, Jr. (6). He graduated from the South Carolina Military Academy, and was a captain in World War II.

II Elize Avinger Dantzler (6).

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### DANIEL MOORER AVINGER (5)

(Daniel J. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

At an early age he was nicknamed "Boody" and thereafter was more generally known by this than his real name. He became one of the most prominent residents of Holly Hill, S. C., and served several terms as mayor of this town.

He married Nettie Smith, a school teacher. One daughter:

- I Elizabeth Smith Avinger (6). She married Chavine Richardson (Dick) Sprott, the third, Oct. 18, 1947. The ceremony was performed in the Holly Hill Methodist Church by the Rev. C. S. Boyd.

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ELIZA IRICK (5)

(Susan M. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was a daughter of Susan Margaret Avinger and H. I. Irick. She married Joel H. Geiger, of Orangeburg, S. C. The children:

- I Laura Geiger (6). Married a Mr. Stroman.  
II Lillian Geiger (6). Married a Mr. Fairy.  
III Margaret Geiger (6). Married a Mr. Stokes.

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CARRIE IRICK (5)

(Susan M. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She married Charles Robert Segrest, a farmer of the Bowman section, Orangeburg County, S. C. He died on Nov. 14, 1939, after an illness of only three days.

They had five children:

- I Willie Segrest (6). He made his home in Columbia, S. C.  
II Marion Segrest (6). Lives in San Diego, California.  
III Harold Segrest (6). Lives in Orangeburg, S. C.  
IV A daughter, who married Calhoun Shuler.  
V Margaret Segrest (6). She became a nurse at the Tri-County Hospital near Orangeburg.

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SUSAN CAROLINE AVINGER (5)

(Kitt L. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)



She was born on May 10, 1880. She was generally called "Sudie." She married William Oscar Webster on June 10, 1897, and they made their home in Texas. Their children:

126 I William Horace Webster (6). Born Aug. 14, 1899.

127 II Otis Webster (6). Born Oct. 2, 1903.

III Inez Webster (6). Born June 6, 1910. She married Henry Cooper, and lives in Avinger, Texas. They have two children:

a. Inez Cooper (7).

b. Rita T. Cooper (7).

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### FILMORE SHULER (5)

(Laurence N. Shuler 4. Elizabeth Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He married Cora Harley. Their children:

128 I Cecil Woodrow Shuler (6).

II Helen Shuler (6).

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### VIOLA VIRGINIA HART (5)

(Virginia A. Norris 4. Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She married John F. Felder, and they had six children.

I Furman Felder (6).

II Samuel Felder (6). While working in New York state he was drowned.

III Virginia Felder (6). She married T. Lawton Connor, of the Rocks Plantation. She was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She died in Eutawville on March 19, 1949, leaving no children.

IV Keating N. Felder (6). A resident of Holly Hill, S. C.

V George Felder (6). Lives in Vance, S. C.

VI Harry H. Felder (6). Lives in White Plain, N. Y.

## HATTIE HART (5)

(Virginia A. Norris 4. Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born and lived in the Providence section of Orangeburg County, S. C. She married Lewis A. Carson. They had seven children:

- I Marie Carson (6).
- II Alice Carson (6).
- III Gordon Carson (6).
- IV Eva Carson (6). Married Frank Evans.
- V Grady Carson (6).
- VI Lida Carson (6).
- VII Ashton Carson (6). Married Maggie Dantzler, daughter of James Dantzler.

## PETTUS HART (5)

(Virginia A. Norris 4. Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Pettus Hart was born in 1865, and died in August, 1937.

She married Frank M. Sheridan, son of Captain Hugo Sheridan. He was principal of the Holly Hill Academy, which in 1888 was renamed the St. James Academy, and in 1889 became the Holly Hill Graded School, with Frank Sheridan still in charge as principal, with Miss Lila Bruce as his assistant. The family later moved to Greenwood, S. C. They had five children:

- I Lucile Sheridan (6).
- II Sadie Sheridan (6).
- III Florine Sheridan (6).
- IV Hortense Sheridan (6).
- V Marion Sheridan (6).

## MARTHA AMELIA NORRIS (5)

(George Manley Norris 4. Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1).



She was born in Vance, S. C., and was known to all as "Ammie". She married Andrew Jackson Tindal, of Clarendon County. For many years they lived in Kembridge, Va., and later in Holly Hill, S. C., where Mr. Tindal died April 14, 1961. They had three children:

- I Loray Tindal (6). He was a colonel in the U. S. Army in World War II.
- II Henrietta Tindal (6).
- III James Ezra Tindal (6).

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THOMAS M. NORRIS (5)

(George Manley Norris 4. Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1).

Thomas M. Norris was born in Vance, but made his home in Pickens County, S. C., where he was president and treasurer of the Norris Cotton Mill at Cateechee. He died on November 28, 1946.

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FREDERICK KEATING NORRIS (5)

(George Manley Norris 4. Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1).

He was a successful planter and an officer of the Holly Hill Bank. He married Gladys Duggan, a school teacher from Georgia. They chose Eutawville as their place of residence.

Their two children:

- I Frederick Keating Norris, Jr. (6).
- II Carolyn Norris (6).

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GEORGE FURMAN NORRIS (5)

(George Manley Norris 4. Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1).

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He was born in Orangeburg County in 1883, and graduated from Clemson Agricultural College in 1903. In 1905 he became active in the operation of the Norris Cotton Mill in Cateechee, filling the office of secretary and assistant treasurer. His brother, T. M. Norris, was president and treasurer.

In 1918 he moved to Greenville, S. C., where he built one of the handsomest residences in that city.

He was an active member of various cotton manufacturers associations, and devoted much time to the upbuilding of Greenville and the upper part of South Carolina. While living in Pickens County he was for four years chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of that county. In Greenville he joined the Kiwanis Club, and became a member of the First Baptist Church. He was elected a member of the board of deacons, and was chairman of the finance committee of this church.

In May, 1919, he helped organize the Keowee Mills Company of Greenville.

He married Lottie Ridgill, daughter of Dr. E. C. Ridgill. Their children:

- I Marion Norris (6).
- II George Furman Norris, Jr. (6).
- III Edgar Norris (6).

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### LEILA NORRIS (5)

(George Manley Norris 4. Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1).

Leila Norris was born March 30, 1887. She married David Leslie Tindal, of Pinewood, S. C. They had five children:

- I Mary Elizabeth Tindal (6).
- II Amelia Tindal (6). Married Albert D. Edwards of Walterboro, S. C. He was a school teacher.
- III David Leslie Tindal, Jr. (6). Married Alice Davis, daughter of W. B. Davis, of Summerton, S. C., on June 1, 1948.
- IV Henrietta Tindal (6).
- V Doris Tindal (6).



## FLORIDE NORRIS (5).

(George Manley Norris 4. Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Floride Norris married I. Witte Bull, a prosperous farmer, a commissioner of the Vance school, and a large stockholder in the bank at Holly Hill, S. C.

They had two children:

I The name of the oldest child not ascertained.

II Beverly Bull (6). She married Frank Lee Evans on August 7, 1948. In 1960 one child:

a. Frank Lee Evans, Jr. (7).

## JOHN EDWARD NORRIS (5).

(George Manley Norris 4. Amelia Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He lived in the home his grandfather built on the Camden road, and became a well-to-do farmer. He was also a commissioner of the Vance school.

He married Mary Watson McKinnell, a school teacher of Chester, S. C. Her parents were born in Scotland.

Children:

I John Edward Norris, Jr. (6).

II William Manley Norris (6). He graduated from Clemson College in June of 1949. He married a Miss Turner.

## CALEDONIA BLACK (5)

(Virginia A. Shuler 4. Caroline J. Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Caledonia Black, daughter of W. Augustus Black and Virginia A. Shuler, married Capers Gamewell Barr, of Georgetown, S. C. One son:

I Capers Gamewell Barr, Jr. (6). He married Ruth Brinkley, and they have two children:

a. Capers Gamewell Barr, III, (7). He graduated from the South Carolina Military Academy in 1934, and then studied law at the University of South Carolina. He married Lucy Virginia Siau on March 23, 1940. Miss Siau received her education in Georgetown and at Winthrop College, where she was a member of the Tau Omega Club. In 1951 Mr. Barr was employed on the Santee-Cooper Project and they lived in Moncks Corner, S. C.

b. Robert Ray Barr (7).

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DR. DAVE SHULER BLACK (5)

(Virginia A. Shuler 4. Caroline J. Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born in 1871, and died on April 1, 1940.

Dr. Black was a native of Orangeburg but lived for many years in Columbia. After attending city schools in Columbia there he studied at the South Carolina College, the University of Tennessee, and the Memphis Medical College, from which he graduated in 1893. For a few years he practiced in Georgetown, S. C.

He married Mignonette Johnson, of Memphis, Tenn. Their children:

129 I Shirley Elizabeth Black (6).

130 II Shuler Augustus Black (6).

131 III Frances Virginia Black (6).

IV Sheppard A. Black (6). Moved to Detroit, Mich.

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ELIZABETH SHEPPARD BLACK (5)

(Virginia A. Shuler 4. Caroline J. Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born in 1880.

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Elizabeth S. Black married J. Walter Doar and for many years they lived on Kensington Plantation, four miles from Georgetown, S. C. This plantation is located on the Black River and contained, when they lived there, 506 acres of land, 180 acres being old rice fields which were excellent for fishing and duck shooting. The upland was full of game for the hunter, and there was a navigable canal from the river to the plantation house, a six room dwelling located in a beautiful moss-covered live oak grove. A large cement swimming pool was built on the grounds for outdoor bathing. Kensington is one of the oldest plantations in coastal South Carolina.

Mrs. Doar was a great lover of flowers and belonged to the Rosemary Garden Club and the Winyah Garden Club. She was often called upon to act as a judge at flower shows.

For many years Mrs. Doar was an active member of the Georgetown chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. After she moved to Charleston to live with her daughter she became interested in Avinger Chapter, U.D.C., and her advice and help to this writer in connection with the organization was inestimable. Mr. and Mrs. Doar had two children:

132 I William Walter Doar (6).

133 II Virginia Elizabeth Doar (6).

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### JANIE AVINGER (5)

(John Wesley Avinger 4. James Henry Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Janie Avinger married John Perdue. They live in Los Angeles, California. Their children:

I Lester Perdue (6).

II Francis Perdue (6). Married a Mr. Pheifer.

III Bernice Perdue (6). Married a Mr. Harley.

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### JOHN HERMAN AVINGER (5)

(John Wesley Avinger 4. James Henry Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

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He married Sally Reed Cloud. Two children:

I Elizabeth Avinger (6). Like many ladies of the Avinger clan she became a school teacher and taught in Montgomery, Ala.

II Green H. Avinger (6).

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DELLA AVINGER (5)

(John Wesley Avinger 4. James Henry Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She married Jesse Perdue. Their children:

I John Wesley Perdue (6).

II Herman Perdue (6).

III Jewell Perdue (6).

IV William Perdue (6).

V Plant Perdue (6).

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ALTHA AVINGER (5).

(John Wesley Avinger 4. James Henry Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She married a Mr. Hester, and they were parents of three children:

I J. L. Hester (6). A physician in Panama City, Fla.

II Carl Hester (6).

III Charles Hester (6).

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LOLA ESTELLE AVINGER (5)

(John Wesley Avinger 4. James Henry Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Estelle Avinger taught school for several years in Alabama before she married Dr. W. A. Haggard, of Miami, Florida.

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When she became a widow and her children were grown she devoted much of her time to affairs pertaining to the United Daughters of the Confederacy. In 1940 she was elected president general of this great organization, and served several terms.

Children:

- I Gladys H. Haggard (6). Married a Mr. Bishop.
- II C. A. Haggard (6). Like his father he became a medical doctor

ORA MAE AVINGER (5)

(John Wesley Avinger 4. James Henry Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born July 22, 1890. She married W. J. Conway, and for many years lived at Fort Deposit, Ala. She now lives in Birmingham, Ala. This writer is indebted to Mrs. Conway for much information about the family.

Their children:

- I Mary Alice Conway (6). Born April 15, 1919. Married Francis E. Williams on August 31, 1937. Her children:
  - a. Mary Rebecca Williams (7). Born Dec. 10, 1939.
  - b. Priscilla Williams (7). Born Aug. 18, 1942.
  - c. Mary Nan Williams (7). Born Jan. 25, 1947.
  - d. Peggy Ann Williams (7). Born Jan. 20, 1950.
- II Lucy Nell Conway (6). Born June 6, 1922. Married Mr. Gafford. Children:
  - a. Pamla Mae Gafford (7). Born Oct. 1, 1947.
  - b. Grady Douglas Gafford (7). Born May 22, 1949.
- III Gladys Geraldine Conway (6). Born Sept. 16, 1926. Now Mrs. Roberson.

Children:

- a. Johnny Harper (7). Born March 30, 1946.
- b. Jim Harper (7). Born Nov. 6, 1947.
- c. Gerry Ann Roberson (7). Born Oct. 19, 1955.

## ONFREY PATRICK AVINGER (5)

(John Pinckney Avinger 4. John Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Information about him is meager, but he had one son:

I Onfrey Patrick Avinger, Jr. (6). He was born in 1925 and entered Baylor University when only sixteen years of age. Two years later he joined the U. S. Army, and was stationed for a while at Camp Blanding, Florida, and then at Fort Benning. At the age of nineteen he was a paratrooper in World War II.

## AGNEW AVINGER (5)

(Roland J. Avinger 4. Pinckney H. Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Agnew Avinger, son of Roland J. and Mary Ann Avinger, was married twice. His first wife was Kate Jones, by whom he had one son:

I Herbert F. Avinger (6). He was born in 1884, and died Jan. 20, 1949. He served in the U. S. Army during World War I, and after the war was a member of Victor Gardner Post of the American Legion. He married Sue Sweatman, who survived him. Children:

- a. Mrs. M. R. Myers (7). Lives in Charlotte, N. C.
- b. Mrs. Robert Blunt (7). Eutawville, S. C.
- c. Herbert F. Avinger, Jr. (7).

The second wife of Agnew Avinger was named Mary —, by whom he had one son.

II Albert Avinger (6). Holly Hill, S. C.

## REED HARLESTON AVINGER (5)

(Edward J. Avinger 4. Pinckney H. Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)



Reed H. Avinger was born in Vance, S. C., on Dec. 4, 1881, and died in March of 1959. He married Annie L. Smith. Their children:

- I R. Alton Avinger (6).
- II Edward Jerry Avinger (6). He married Mary Frances Harmon, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Harmon, of Pomaria, S. C.
- III Eula Lee Avinger (6). Married S. Ashton Collier, of Elloree, S. C. She is an active member and officer of the Elloree Chapter, U.D.C.

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HARVEY F. AVINGER (5)

(Edward J. Avinger 4. Pinckney H. Avinger 3. Henry Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

His wife was Marcel Harvey. They had one daughter:

- I Jenny Ruth Avinger (6). She graduated from Memminger High School, in Charleston, S. C., in 1938. On September 23, 1939, she married Andrew C. Perkins, of Elloree, S. C. He graduated from Elloree High School, and at the time of their marriage was connected with the Standard Oil Company in Elloree.

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ELLA NORAH MILLINGS (6)

(John R. Millings 5. Emma C. Avinger 4. William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She was born in Savannah, Georgia, but her parents moved to Charleston when she was quite young. After graduating from Memminger High School she entered the College of Charleston, where she received the B.S. degree in 1932. She then attended the Catholic University in Washington, D. C., for a year, leaving to accept a position with the welfare department of the city of Baltimore, Md. During World War II she was stationed at a camp near Poston, Arizona, to assist in

the task of replacing American born Japanese who were confined in this camp. Later she was employed in similar work by the United States Government in Germany.

Returning to the United States she resumed welfare work in Baltimore. In 1950 she received the M.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, having completed the prescribed course while still engaged in her chosen vocation. For many years she made her home with Mr. and Mrs. John Sanford in Baltimore, but in 1960 she is living in Springfield, Penn.

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MARIE CECILIA SORENSEN (6)

(Mary E. C. Millings 5. Emma C. Avinger 4. William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

At an early age she chose teaching as her vocation and for many years has been a member of the faculty of the North Charleston Graded School. In November, 1940, the principal was called to active duty in the United States Army and Marie was selected to act as principal until the regular election by the district board of trustees. She accepted the temporary position but declined to be considered for the post permanently. Her popularity as a teacher is shown by the many tokens of esteem presented her by her scholars each year.

She is a life member of the South Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, holding a certificate to this effect signed by Mrs. J. C. Dowling, Jr., President and Mrs. L. V. Jackens, Treasurer.

In 1942 she received this citation:

HQ CHARLESTON AIR DEFENSE REGION  
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMANDER

P. O. Box 196, Charleston, S. C.

Sept. 10, 1942.

Miss Marie C. Sorensen,  
70 Coming St., Chas., S. C.

Dear Miss Sorensen:

In recognition of your conscientious service at the Army Information Center these past months, it gives



me great pleasure to award you your "Wings", emblematic of your membership in the Women's Auxiliary Warning Service.

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EDMOND J. SWANN  
Major, Signal Corps  
Regional Commander.

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### VIRGINIA RITA SORENSEN (6)

(Mary E. C. Millings 5. Emma C. Avinger 4. William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Virginia Sorensen taught in the public schools in Charleston for several years after receiving the A.B. degree from Charleston College on May 12, 1931. When a little girl the nickname "Lollie" was bestowed on her and it stuck with her even after her marriage. A favorite pastime was horseback riding. She participated in horse shows in Charleston in 1939 and 1940, and her ability as an equestrianne won for her a miniature horse made of silver, which is one of her prized possessions.

In September, 1943, she became the bride of Colin W. Edwards, and for the ceremony she wore the bridal veil her grandmother wore in 1863.

Mrs. Edwards was an active member of several social, civic, and patriotic organizations, and in 1956 was one of the runners-up for the title of "woman of the year". For more than six years she was an officer in the Cathedral Parent-Teacher Organization, and served two terms as president of the Council of Catholic Women. She was also on the board of the Catholic Charities, a member of the advisory board for the Domestic Court, and of the United Service Organizations Planning Council.

She served two terms as president of the Charleston Federation of Women's Clubs, and was treasurer of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, treasurer of the South Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and president of the Charleston Chapter No. 4 of this organization. In addition she was regent of the South Carolina Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists.

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In November, 1957, Mrs. Edwards left Charleston for Bremerton, Washington, her husband having been promoted from the Charleston navy yard to a new post at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. In accepting her resignation at their October meeting the members of the Charleston Federation of Women's Clubs presented her with a beautiful charm bracelet.

In 1960 Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have two children:

I Lucy Elizabeth Edwards (7).

II Colin William Edwards, Jr. (7).

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### GENEVIEVE ARLES SORENSEN (6)

(Mary E. C. Millings 5. Emma C. Avinger 4. William Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Like her sisters, Marie and Virginia, Genevieve Sorensen, generally called "Gen", became a school teacher and for several years taught in Charleston schools. On May 14, 1939, she married John R. Walton, Jr. Her husband was transferred by the U. S. Navy Department in 1957 and they now live in East Greenwich, R. I.

In 1952 Genevieve was elected president of the Charleston City Federation of Women's Clubs, having previously served as recording secretary. In 1952 she directed the "pickets" who marched with placards announcing that Charleston was on strike against tuberculosis and urging the purchase of Christmas seals. Marching with her on this occasion was her little son, John R. Walton, III. She is also a past president of the Catholic Women's Clubs of Charleston, and a member of the Charleston County T. B. Association.

Genevieve is also a charter member of the Avinger Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, in which she has served as a vice president and also as recording secretary. She was a leader in all activities of this chapter until she moved to Rhode Island, and still retains her membership in it.

Her hobby is portrait painting and self-painted portraits of her have appeared in Charleston newspapers several times.



In 1960 she again took up teaching, and soon became a popular "schoolmarm" in her adopted home town.

They have one son:

I John R. Walton, Jr. (7).

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### JOHN D. SHULER, JR. (6)

(John D. Shuler, Sr., 5. Caroline Avinger 4. John Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born in 1890, and died on January 10, 1951.

For some unexplained reason he was familiarly known as "Boss".

He married Urel Varn, of Walterboro, S. C. She died about 1928, and shortly after death he went to California to live, and entered the merchant marine on the west coast. In December of 1950 he made a trip to Yokohama, Japan, where he suddenly became ill and on January 10, 1951, he passed away. His body was brought from Japan and interred at Ellore, S. C.

John D. Shuler, Jr., and his wife Urel Varn Shuler, had four children:

- I Erma Shuler (7). Lives in Anchorage, Alaska.
- II Mary Shuler (7). Married a Mr. Gibson, of Gibson, S. C.
- III John D. Shuler, III, (7). Became a merchant marine.
- IV William Shuler (7). Enrolled in U. S. Navy.

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### WARREN SHULER (6)

(Elizabeth N. Shuler 5. Caroline Avinger 4. John Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Warren Shuler married Constance (Connie) Bradenburg. Their children:

- I Eva Shuler (7).
- II Myrtle Shuler (7).
- III Bascom Warren Shuler (7).

IV Elizabeth Nuella Shuler (7). In 1938 she married James Perry Peagler, of Cross, S. C.

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CORA SHULER (6)

(Elizabeth N. Shuler 5. Caroline Avinger 4. John Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Cora Shuler married twice. Her first husband was a Mr. Bland. They did not have any children. After his death she married the Reverend Martin Gary Arant. Their children:

- I Martin G. Arant, Jr. (7). In 1930 he married a daughter of George S. Hemmingway, a civic leader and a large land owner who, with his brothers, Dr. Walter C. and Capt. J. E. Hemmingway, were the founders of the town of Hemmingway, S. C.
- II Hugh Arant (7).
- III Morgan Arant (7). He received the M.A. degree from the University of South Carolina in 1949. He lives in Greenville, S. C., where he is a popular teacher.

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EWART SHULER (6)

(Elizabeth N. Shuler 5. Caroline Avinger 4. John Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Ewart Shuler served in the United States Army during the first world war, and because of illness while in the service he was confined to his bed for several years after his discharge.

He married Katherine Stall. Their children:

- I Ewart Shuler, Jr. (7). He graduated from the Citadel (South Carolina Military Academy) in 1940, and was a lieutenant in the United States Army during the second world war.
- II Katherine (Dot) Shuler (7). She married George Avinger.
- III Elizabeth Virginia Shuler (7).



## W. ST. CLAIR HART (6)

(Alonzo Hart 5. Susan Avinger 4. John Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He was born in 1882, and died on March 31, 1953.

W. St. Clair Hart was connected with the First National Bank of Holly Hill for thirty-five years, becoming assistant cashier. At one time he was mayor of the town of Holly Hill. He was a steward in the Methodist Church, and a member of the family organization, attending the annual reunions regularly.

He married Elizabeth Edwards. Three children:

I Leroy E. Hart (7). Born in 1908; died on August 21, 1950, in Columbia, S. C. He graduated from the Citadel in 1929. He married Angelyn Neeley. They have a son:

Leroy E. Hart, Jr. (8).

II A daughter who married C. N. Thompson, of Lake City, S. C.

III John Ellison Hart (7). He graduated from the Citadel in 1937, and was appointed a captain in the regular army of the U. S. while serving in the Hawaiian Islands. Subsequently he was commissioned lieutenant colonel. He married Virginia Barrett, of Virginia Beach, Va., and lives in Arlington, Va.

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## HERMAN MIDDLETON AVINGER (6)

(D. Hiram Avinger 5. Alex. P. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Herman Middleton Avinger married Ruby Sweat, daughter of Calvin Sweat and Annie Williams Sweat. She was born in Vance, S. C., on Dec. 31, 1896, and died on Sullivan's Island, S. C., on April 14, 1961.

Their children:

I Mrs. E. S. Adams (7). Sullivan's Island, S. C.

II Mrs. Betty H. Case (7). Sullivan's Island, S. C.

- III Mrs. Wm. A. Stott (7). Norfolk, Va.
- IV Mrs. Arthur Milligan (7). Pine Bluff, Ark.
- V Mrs. Claude Martin (7). Lives in England.
- VI Mrs. Montgomery Anderson (7). Columbia, S. C.
- VII Herman M. Avinger, Jr. (7). Sullivan's Island, S. C.
- VIII Harold Avinger (7). Mount Pleasant, S. C.
- IX Olin Q. Avinger (7). Columbia, S. C.

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### WILLIAM HORACE WEBSTER (6)

(Susan C. Avinger 5. Kitt L. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3.  
Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

William Horace Webster was born on August 14, 1899. He married Margie Kauffman. Their children:

- I Hazel Webster (7).
- II William Webster (7).
- III Ruthe Webster (7).
- IV Jennie Webster (7).

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### OTIS WEBSTER (6)

(Susan C. Avinger 5. Kitt L. Avinger 4. Daniel Avinger 3.  
Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Born on October 2, 1903.

He married Fanny Taylor. They made their home in Avolyn, Texas.

Their children:

- I William Taylor Webster (7). He served in the United States Army during the second world war, and was seriously gassed in action, and was given an honorable discharge from the service.
- II P. H. Webster (7). He also served in the army during World War II.
- III Naoma Webster (7).
- IV Tula Webster (7).



### CECIL WOODROW SHULER (6)

(Fillmore Shuler 5. Laurence N. Shuler 4. Elizabeth Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Cecil Woodrow Shuler graduated from the South Carolina Military Academy (Citadel) in June, 1939, with the M.A. degree. He was designated as an honor reserve officers' training corps graduate, and named as principal for appointment to the rank of second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. As a cadet he stood high in academic and military fields. In his senior year he was captain of Company B, Infantry R.O.T.C. unit. He was editor-in-chief of the 1938-1939 Palmetto Corps Handbook, editor of the Sphinx, the Citadel annual, and vice-president of the South Carolina Student Y.M.C.A.

After graduating he made the Marine Corps his vocation and when the war in Korea broke out he was ordered there with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Shortly after arriving in that country he was promoted to the rank of a full colonel.

When on his way to Japan he and family stopped over in Charleston where the Avinger Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy bestowed upon him the bronze cross of honor awarded by the U.D.C., to a descendant of a Confederate soldier.

### SHIRLEY ELIZABETH BLACK (6)

(Dr. D. S. Black 5. Virginia A. Shuler 4. Caroline J. Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

Shirley Black married Charles Oliver Brown, and made her home in Columbia, S. C. They have two daughters:

I Shirley Brown (7).

II Mignonette Brown (7).

### SHULER AUGUSTUS BLACK (6)

(Dr. D. S. Black 5. Virginia A. Shuler 4. Caroline J. Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

He graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1934, and for some time practiced law in Charleston with Colonel N. B. Barnwell. Then he moved to Atlanta, Georgia.

In a home ceremony on April 9, 1932, he married Emma Thomas O'Neill, daughter of Mrs. Emma McGahan O'Neill, wealthy widow of Frank Quale O'Neill of Charleston, S. C. The ceremony was performed in a room on the elaborately decorated lower floor of the colonial home at No. 7 Meeting Street, which was built in 1770. The Rev. James J. May, V. G., rector of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, officiated.

Miss O'Neill attended a private school in Charleston conducted by the Misses Sass, and also Ashley Hall. Her mother died in June, 1935, leaving an estate valued at \$200,525, upon which the State of South Carolina levied a tax of \$4,763.

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#### FRANCES VIRGINIA BLACK (6)

(Dr. D. S. Black 5. Virginia A. Shuler 4. Caroline J. Avinger 3.  
Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She married Robert Marshall Farmer, of Greensboro, N. C., in April of 1933, at the home of her parents in Columbia, S. C. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

The wedding took place at four o'clock in the afternoon, and a beautiful musical program was given by E. O. Black, violinist, accompanied by his wife at the piano. The violin used was the favorite instrument of Eichard Oscar Black, an eminent violinist who was the great-great-uncle of the bride, and upon this instrument had been played the wedding march for many of the Black's during the more than one hundred years it had been in the family. The flower girls were Mignonette Black, niece of the bride, and Frances Elizabeth Pell, niece of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer made their home in Greensboro, N. C.

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#### WILLIAM WALTER DOAR (6)

(Elizabeth S. Black 5. Virginia A. Shuler 4. Caroline J. Avinger  
3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)



William Walter Doar became a well known and prosperous business man of Georgetown, S. C. He was commissioned a lieutenant (jg) in the United States Naval Reserve on August 12, 1942, and ordered to the Seventh Naval District at the naval air station in Miami, Florida, for active duty. After the second world war he was named chef de gare of the Winyah voiture od las Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Cheveaux, American Legion, when it was formed in Georgetown, S. C.

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VIRGINIA ELIZABETH DOAR (6)

(Elizabeth S. Black 5. Virginia A. Shuler 4. Caroline J. Avinger 3. Laurence Avinger 2. Gutlip Avinger 1.)

She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in journalism and made newspaper work her vocation.

She married Johannes V. Nielsen, Jr., of Charleston. He, too, studied journalism at the University of South Carolina and then worked with several newspapers. At the time of their marriage both were on the staff of the News and Courier.

Mrs. Nielsen served as publicity chairman several years for the Rebecca Motte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is also an active member of the American Association of University Women.

Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen have a son, John Doar Nielsen, who at the age of four years showed such an aptitude for the piano that he was outstanding in a recital given in September, 1938, under the direction of Miss Virginia Tupper.

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ADAM EVINGER

In 1753 Adam Evinger arrived in South Carolina aboard the ship *John and Mary* from Rotterdam. He was granted land on the north fork of the Edisto River. His wife was named Anna Margaret, but whether they were married before or after his arrival in this country is not of record. On March 2, 1755, a

son was born to them, whom they named Joseph. On May 4, 1758, another son was born, whom they named George Lewis. What became of this family is not known. The only other record is that in 1778 the son Joseph sold the land to Salley.

There is nothing to connect Adam Evinger with Gotlieb Evinger who arrived in South Carolina in 1766 aboard the ship *Britania* from Amsterdam.

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### MRS. CARRIE SUSAN AVINGER

(From the Montgomery Advertiser, Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 15, 1940.)

“Died: Mrs. Carrie Susan Avinger, 86, resident of Montgomery 38 years, died at her home, 20 Burton Avenue, at 10 A. M. yesterday following a brief illness. Surviving are four daughters:

Mrs. Ella Bowman—Montgomery, Alabama  
Mrs. W. O. Thweat—Montgomery, Alabama  
Mrs. W. M. Pickard—Georgiana, Alabama  
Mrs. J. E. Long—Montgomery, Alabama

Sons: A. C. Avinger—Mobile, Alabama  
C. E. Avinger—Pineapple, Alabama  
D. B. Avinger—Lakeland, Florida

The funeral will be held from White Chapel today at 11 A. M. with the Rev. A. B. Carlton assisted by Rev. T. C. Cassady and the Rev. P. M. Guthrie, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Cemetery, Montgomery, Alabama.”

Note: Another son, J. R. Avinger, died in Little Rock, Arkansas, in May, 1927, aged fifty-one years. He left five sons: Robert, Charles, Wade, Allen, and ——— Avinger. (Furnished by the Department of Archives and History, State of Alabama, and reported in Montgomery Advertiser of May 3, 1927.)

### LADIES' GUNBOAT FUND

In 1862 ladies in every section of the State contributed to a fund to help pay the cost of building the “Palmetto State”, an ironclad ram known as The Ladies Gunboat. In the various



lists of published names are the following, many of whom are connected with the Avinger family by descent or marriage:

Mrs. J. A. D. Avinger  
Mrs. M. E. Avinger  
Mrs. R. E. Avinger  
Mrs. David Bull  
Miss D. Bull  
Mrs. H. C. Bull  
Mrs. J. Bull  
Mrs. Middleton Bull  
Mrs. Kate Connor  
Mrs. Sophia Connor  
Mrs. C. M. Dantzler  
Miss C. S. Dantzler  
Miss Elizabeth Dantzler  
Mrs. E. Dantzler  
Miss J. E. Dantzler  
Miss Mary E. Dantzler  
Miss Mary Jane Dantzler  
Mrs. Middleton Dantzler  
Miss Roan Dantzler  
Miss R. L. Dantzler  
Miss R. E. Dantzler  
Miss V. A. Dantzler  
Mrs. William Dantzler  
Mrs. J. A. Dukes  
Mrs. David Evans  
Miss Eliza Evans  
Mrs. James Evans  
Miss Leah Evans  
Mrs. M. E. Evans  
Mrs. R. Evans  
Mrs. Thomas Evans  
Mrs. Wade Evans  
Mrs. R. A. E. Felder  
Mrs. S. A. Felder  
Mrs. S. Felder  
Mrs. David Houser  
Mrs. W. Houser  
Miss E. Irick

Mrs. David Moorer  
Mrs. Lewis Myers  
Miss Eleanor Myers  
Miss L. V. Parler  
Miss M. E. Parler  
Mrs. Frances Rast  
Miss Lizzie Rast  
Mrs. James Rast  
Miss Kate Shingler  
Miss Sallie Shingler  
Mrs. Ann Shuler  
Mrs. A. E. Shuler  
Mrs. A. C. Shuler  
Mrs. Bennett Shuler  
Mrs. Catherine Shuler  
Mrs. Col. David Shuler  
Mrs. E. Shuler  
Miss Elizabeth Shuler  
Mrs. E. M. Shuler  
Miss F. L. Shuler  
Miss Jennie A. D. Shuler  
Miss J. M. Shuler  
Mrs. J. Y. Shuler  
Miss Laura Shuler  
Miss Lizzie Shuler  
Miss Mary Ann Shuler  
Miss Martha Shuler  
Mrs. O'Bryan Shuler  
Miss Olivia Shuler  
Miss Preston Shuler  
Miss R. Shuler  
Miss Sarah Shuler  
Mrs. Susan Sweatman  
Mrs. A. W. Thomson  
Mrs. C. R. Thomson  
Mrs. E. S. Thomson  
Mrs. W. T. Thomson  
Mrs. L. W. Thompson

## RELIEF FOR SOLDIERS

Almost daily during the War Between the States the newspapers published names of contributors for the relief of soldiers in the several Confederate hospitals in Charleston and for the men in Virginia. As the war continued more and more the people at home were called upon to give cash, country produce, and other needed articles, and under the circumstances of the times very small amounts of cash represented some sacrifice. One of these lists of names is given here as it appeared in the Charleston Daily Courier of Feb. 24, 1863:

Mrs. M. A. Shingler .....	\$2.00	Master W. I. Stoudamire	\$1.00
Mrs. James A. Parler ...	2.50	Mrs. M. Snell .....	.25
Mr. J. A. Parler .....	2.50	Mrs. H. C. Bull .....	1.00
Master Leonidas Parler	1.00	Anonymous .....	1.00
Mrs. W. C. Norris .....	2.50	Mrs. E. M. Shuler	1.00
Mrs. D. K. Norris .....	1.00	Master C. L. Shuler .....	1.00
Master G. M. Norris .....	1.00	Master H. Shuler .....	1.00
Master Joseph Norris ...	1.00	Master Tommie Parler ..	.25
Widow's Mite .....	1.00	Miss A. C. Shuler .....	.50
S. A. Felder .....	.50	Miss Emma Avinger ...	1.00
Miss F. R. Felder .....	1.00	Miss Mattie Avinger .....	.50
Miss Sallie Felder .....	1.00	Miss Loretta Parler .....	.50
Miss Amanda Felder .....	.25	Miss M. E. Parler .....	.50
Mrs. M. C. Stoudamire ...	1.00	Miss G. R. Parler .....	3.00

## SOLDIERS RELIEF

It has been mentioned herein from time to time that ladies and girls of the Avinger and related families devoted much time to knitting and making various articles of clothing, and preparing eatables, for their soldiers in the Confederate forces. Quite often they also sent cash money to be used for the relief of these men. The following is one instance of such contributions:

### VANCE'S FERRY CONTRIBUTORS FOR SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS IN VIRGINIA

(Charleston Mercury, June 21, 1864.)

Mrs. W. Avinger .....	\$10
Mrs. M. C. Avinger .....	5



Carrie V. Avinger .....	5
Sammie D. Avinger .....	3
W. H. Dantzler .....	5
F. W. Shuler .....	5
Jacob Dantzler .....	5
Daniel Avinger .....	5
Eliza E. Avinger .....	2
Mrs. R. Thompson .....	2
L. V. Thompson .....	2
Fannie E. Way .....	2.25
Mrs. E. M. Avinger .....	5
M. C. Shuler .....	.50
L. E. Myers .....	5
A Friend .....	5

(Copied from the Military Records of Civil War on File in the Department of Archives and History.)

*Avinger, John Wesley*

Private. Co. C. 1st. Alabama

Born May 17, 1844 at Haynesville in Lowndes County, Alabama

Enlisted June 1864 at New Hope and continued until close of the War.

Address Fort Deposit—Census Tax Assessor—Lowndes County, 1907.

*Avinger, E. F.*

3rd. Corp.—age 24. Co. E. 45th. Alabama Inft. Reg.

Lochepoka, Alabama, March 20, 1862

Muster in Roll Dated May 14, 1862.

*Avinger, Jas.*

Private. Co. F. 23rd. Ala. Inft. Reg.

Compiled Roll furnished by Geo. E. Reid, Nov. 21, 1911

*Avinger, J. D.*

Private—Co. E. 45th Ala. Inft. Reg.

Age 21—Lochepoka, Alabama, March 20, 1862.

Muster in Roll Dated May 14, 1862.

*Avinger, J. W.*

Private—Co. C. 1st Ala.

Enlisted 1864

Authority—Veteran Rosters—Statement not official.

*Avinger, J. W.*

Alabama Pension Number—15323—Rank—Private—Co. C 1st.

Alabama Regt. Enlisted—June 1864—Fort Deposit, Alabama.  
Discharged at—April, 1865.

Witness—G. M. Barganier.

Martin W. Kirkpatrick

Roll of Sixteen-Year-Old Boys who served in The Confederate Army.

(From "The Herald" St. Matthews, S. C. of October 24, 1884)  
Roll of Company F., 2nd Battalion S. C. (State troops) mustered into service at Batesburg, S. C. July 1864; disbanded at Spartanburg, S. C. April, 1865.

#### Officers

Daniel J. Avinger, Captain. J. Quincy Parler, first lieutenant. G. Manly Norris, second lieutenant. John B. Reeves, third lieutenant.

#### Non-commissioned Officers.

Henry H. Riggs, first sergeant. George E. Whaley, second sergeant. W. Grier Albergotti, third sergeant. Olin Conner, fourth sergeant. William J. Strock, first corporal. Benj. O. Evans, second corporal. Langdon W. Pooser, third corporal. Phelps Butler, commissary sergt.

#### Privates

Henry Akerman, John Blair, Edwin Dantzler, D. D. Dukes, D. Laurens Haigler, George Hinkle, Heape, Joseph Hutchins, Shedrock Kemmerlin, Wm. Moorner, Landes Moorner, Jacob Myer, Myer, Akolom Fair, Adam Felder, Charles Felder, Vincent Ford, John Patrick, Wilber Pooser, George Rivers, George Robinson, Wm. Sheider, W. G. Shuler, Robert Smith, H. K. Snell, Jehu Postell Smoak, John G. McKern, W. J. McGrew, Morgan D. Gray, Wesley Gleaton, Wm. Houck, John J. Honell.

### CHESTNUT LIGHT ARTILLERY

Co. F. Palmetto Battalion, Light Artillery.

#### Officers

F. Schulz, Captain. Augustus Flud, Senior First Lieutenant. Thos. White, Junior First Lieutenant. Wm. R. Flud, Senior Second Lieutenant. W. B. McKee, Junior Second Lieutenant. Wm. Evans Fripp, First Sergt. H. D. Reid, Second Sergt. James Freer, Third Sergt. Chas. A. Tylee, Fourth Sergt. L. W. Bowers, Fifth Sgt. Samuel Hutto, Sixth Sgt. Augustus J. Av-



inger, Seventh Sergt. Thos. W. Hazell, Commissary Sergt. John J. Kaufman, First Corporal. Wm. A. Moorer, Second Corpl. Robert Jackson, Third Corpl. Noah L. Chapman, Fourth Corpl. P. H. Avinger, Fifth Corpl. D. L. Moorer, Sixth Corpl. H. Louis Williams, Company Clerk. R. Stewart and N. Sweat, Teamsters. Benj. J. Freer, Musician.

### Privates

Avinger, L. H.  
 Burbidge, Alex.  
 Bobo, J. G. T.  
 Boland, Middleton.  
 Bright, G. H.  
 Chapman, J. L.  
 Charlon, John P.  
 Cannon, W. P.  
 Coote, S. B.  
 Driggers, D. M.  
 Driggers, John  
 Driggers, John  
 Driggers, Moses  
 Driggers, Moses  
 Dantzler, E. J.  
 Fiddla, W. B.  
 Golding, Richard W.  
 Harmon, Elijah  
 Horton, John M.  
 Hipp, Geo.  
 Jackson, J. J.  
 Jackson, M.  
 Jones, B. C.  
 Jones, F. E.  
 Knight, David  
 Knights, Lewis  
 Keyser, L.  
 Luton, Josiah  
 Long, D. D.  
 Long, J. A.  
 McDonald, John  
 McDonald, W. W.

Monts, Levy  
 Nettles, J. R. S.  
 Nettles, M. A.  
 Norris, F.  
 Pollard, W. W.  
 Ryser, J. A.  
 Rush, Calvin  
 Strobel, John E.  
 Sweat, H. M.  
 Smith, J. B.  
 Smith, J. L.  
 Smith, Valentine  
 Shepherd, J. R.  
 Sellers, J. M.  
 Scott, Alex.  
 Sease, A. N.  
 Steadman, McKenney  
 —  
 Shuler, G. S. A.  
 Shuler, J. D.  
 Shuler, P. P.  
 Sheely, B. F.  
 Sheely, D. J.  
 Sheely, J. N.  
 Turner, H. G.  
 Tootle, Obadiah  
 Weatherford, C. E.  
 Weatherford, S. H.  
 Wingor, T. A.  
 Winnegam, Henry  
 Harmon, R. W.  
 Sweat, D.

In a general order dated November 3, 1862, issued at headquarters of Palmetto Battalion, McLeods Camp, James Island, by Lt. Col. E. B. White, many soldiers absent from their companies were warned to submit a certificate of sickness, report for duty within five days, or be treated as deserters. This list included the names of

Private O. J. Dantzler and P. P. Shuler, and Corporal P. H. Avinger.

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## WORLD WAR II.

The following names of members of the family who served in World War II and the places to which they were assigned were obtained at a family reunion held at Vance, S. C., in 1943: Private Cecil E. Gramling, Salina A. F. T., Salina, California. First Lieutenant Willie Dantzler. Son of Daz. Avinger and Willie Dantzler.

Ensign Ewart Shuler, U. S. Army, Arizona. Son of Ewart Shuler, Elloree, S. C.

First Lieutenant Ernest S. Moorer, Jr. A graduate of the Citadel. Grandson of Fannie Way and W. D. Moorer.

Ransom Edward Avinger, Marine Corps. Son of Ransom E. Avinger.

Joe Dan Avinger, Medical Corps. Son of Mamie McGrill and Laurence Avinger, of Avinger, Texas.

Rembert Shuler. Missing. Dead.

John Norris, Fort McClellan, Ala. Son of John E. Norris, Vance, S. C.

Edgar Manley Norris, Bermuda.

Laurie Avinger, Camp Wheeler. Son of Blanche and Gus Avinger.

Capt. Cecil Shuler, overseas. Graduate of Citadel.

F. A. Rickenbacker, England. Son of Belle Avinger and Fred Rickenbacker, Cameron, S. C.

N. E. Rickenbacker, Staff Sergeant, Arkansas. Son of Belle and Fred Rickenbacker.

Lieut. Julian Hart, Birmingham, Ala.

Second Lieutenant Edgar Hart, Fort Pearce, Fla.

Sergeant Herman Avinger, Fort Moultrie, S. C.

Major Newton Bull, Australia.



Herman Bull, Jr. Cincinnati, Ohio.  
First Lieut. Roger Bull, Fort Meade, Md.  
Major Marchie Bull, Medical Corps, overseas.  
Capt. John E. Hart, Hawaii.  
Capt. Desmond Rhame, Hawaii.  
Capt. Robert W. Rhame, Fort Monroe.  
Corporal Legrand Rhame, Alaska. Son of Henry Rhame.  
Richard Rhame, Yeoman, Maryland. Son of Lyde Rhame.

## WHITMORE

Whitmore is a very old English name, probably of Norman origin. Some years ago the Rev. Henry Whitmore, Debergham rectory, Carlisle, England, wrote: "There is a tradition that the Whitmore family is of Norman extraction; that three brothers came to England in the eleventh century, one settled in Sussex, another in Kent, and the third settled down in the midland counties, probably Shropshire." This Rev. Henry Whitmore was of the Sussex branch.

John, the brother who settled in Shropshire, was granted land and became known as John Lord de Whytemore, of the parish of Babbington, in the manor of Cleverly. In Anglo-Saxon the name means white mere, mere being either a meadow or lake. The Rev. H. B. Wolryche Whitmore, Quatt rectory, Bridge-worth, wrote that the earliest records he found were in 1209, when Alan Whytemere held a purpresture on Morf Common, and in 1255 William de Whitmere was a juror in the Cleverly inquest, and in 1233 Richard, of the Mount of Whytemere, attested Butencourt's deed. He also wrote that from 1632 up to this time the name seems to have been spelled Whitmore.

In 1856 William Whittemore, of London, wrote: "As far as I can make out the name commenced in this country (England) with one of the Norman barons whose castle and seat was in Staffordshire called "Whytymere".

In 1879 W. H. Whitmore, of Boston, lists a railroad station in England called Whitmore Hall. This manor, consisting of 3,350 acres of land, has been owned by the Whitmore family for centuries. In the same year E. S. Whittemore wrote: "At the present day there is in the parish of Babbington, in the manor of Cleverly, County Salop, a place called Whit-i-more, which is a modern-looking farm house, which has been spelled



Whittemore, and for centuries spelled with a trisyllable. This locality is in County Salop, but the greater part of the parish is in Staffordshire. This family of Whittemore have held in fee this place since the signing of the Great Charter of Runnymede by King John in 1215. This place is many miles distant from Whitmore station on the railroad between Stafford and Crewe." In early times the proprietors of this place were called the "Lords of Whytemere."

In June, 1892, Major General G. S. Whitmore, of New Zealand, wrote: "The Whitmore's of England all now spell their name Whitmore. I have myself seen a deed in Norman French conveying the estate of Low Slaughter in Gloucestershire to a John de Whytemere, about the time of Edward I. I was born heir-at-law to Low Slaughter, which now belongs to my first cousin, Mr. C. A. Whitmore, member of Cheldea in the British House of Commons. My grandfather, Sir George Whitmore, left Slaughter to his third but oldest surviving son, my father, Major General George S. Vincent Whitmore, having predeceased him. Our branch of the family is descended from General Sir Wm. Whitmore, long governor of Nova Scotia. \* \* \*

"We have always known of a branch of our family being settled in America."

The first John, Lord of Whytemere, derived the name of the family from the place where they originally resided. About the year 1483 the *de* (of) was dropped, leaving it Whytemere as the surname, and about 1495 the *y* was changed to *i* and the *e* after *t* was omitted, leaving the name Whitmore.

In 1572 John Whitmore married Frances Billingsley, a daughter of William Billingsley. In 1632 George Whitmore was Lord Mayor of London. But I have not been able to find the date the Whitmore family settled in South Carolina. Dr. Thomas Norris was born in Maryland in 1756 and married Sarah Ann Billingsley, daughter of Lady Frances Sarah Billingsley. A widow, from London, England, she came to Baltimore, Md., to live with her two children, a boy and a girl. Dr. Thomas Norris moved to Alabama.

In 1784 one Joshua Whitmore was granted land in Orangeburg County, South Carolina, and his children were:

Susanah Whitmore, born in 1780; married Laurence Avinger.



Elizabeth Whitmore, born about 1782; married Abraham Felder.

George Whitmore, born about 1784; married Mary Moore, who was generally known as "Polly" Moore.

Joshua Whitmore, born about 1786 married, first, Nancy Robertson, and second a Miss Felder.

Margaret Whitmore, born about 1794; married George Norris.

Susanah, Elizabeth (Bettie), and Margaret Whitmore, and their husbands, Laurence Avinger, Abraham Felder, and George Norris, were buried in the graveyard five miles from Ellore, once called Baldrick's Old Field, later called Norris Graveyard. It was once owned by Whitmore, now by John Reed Shuler.

The United States census of 1800 lists a Captain George Whitmore in Laurens County. Apparently this was a brother of the first Joshua Whitmore, as his son George was still a minor in 1800. This Captain George Whitmore received pay for Revolutionary War services.

According to court records in Charleston, S. C., a cause dated in May, 1818, entitled George Whitmore against David Rumph, Sheriff of Orangeburg County, the children of George Whitmore were: Barbara Whitmore, who married John Quincey Parler; Eliza Whitmore, who married Albert Bradham, and Rufus Whitmore, who married Evan Bozartt.

In 1834 the election managers for the parish of St. Matthews were: At Jacob Huffman's Tavern, Thomas Oliver and Saul Speigner; at Mr. Wooten's, John Clukely and Martin Grich; at Haigler's Store, Mr. Haigler and Daniel Dantzler; at Absalom Griffon's, Daniel Shuler and George Whitmore; at Laurence Avinger's, Jacob Shurnight and Samuel McCoy; at Keller's Store, Lewis Rast and Lewis Felder.

George Whitmore was a magistrate in Orangeburg in 1840, but apparently he left that place soon afterwards. The U. S. census of 1840 for Fairfield County lists George Whitmore, age 66 years, and Mary Whitmore, age 60 years.

In 1837 Joshua Whitmore was granted the guardianship of his minor daughter Nancy B. Whitmore, in Laurens District, for the purpose of receiving money she was entitled to inherit from her grandfather, W. Robertson. Her mother died in November of 1835. The bond of Joshua Whitmore was signed by John



and Thomas Whitmore. This minor daughter, Nancy Whitmore, died shortly afterwards.

Joshua Whitmore was a colonel in the Third Brigade of Infantry, Second Division, South Carolina Militia, and in 1839 was elected brigadier general. He was succeeded the following year by Colonel Edwards.

Joshua Whitmore moved to Texas about 1850 and located in Jefferson, where he formed a partnership with Colonel D. D. Culberson, and was elected district attorney, and later district judge. He then moved to Sulphur Springs, Texas, where he engaged in the practice of law and was again elected district attorney. His district then included the counties of Hopkins, Hunt, Delta, Franklin, and Wood. After serving his term of office he moved to Greenville, Texas, where he died. He had eight children:

Edward Whitmore; killed in battle during the Confederate War.

W. R. Whitmore; made his home in Oklahoma City.

Eliza Whitmore; a school teacher in Texas.

Eunice Whitmore; a school teacher in Sulphur Springs.

Anna Whitmore; a school teacher.

Julia Whitmore; married Edward Roach.

Mattie Whitmore; married John Clark.

John Whitmore; lived in Sulphur Springs.

Today great-great-grandchildren of Susanah Whitmore live in a large two-story house built by her son, Daniel Avinger, on a tract of land granted to him in 1846. This old homestead is located near land granted earlier to his father and his grandfather, not very far from the old State Road, near Four Holes Swamp, between Orangeburg and Eutaw Springs. This section is well described in Lossing's *Pictorial Field-Book of the American Revolution*, and in *Eutaw* by W. Gilmore Sims, who wrote of the home of Mrs. Avinger, the heroine Nellie Floyd and the assistance they gave General Francis Marion during the Revolutionary War.

In the Name of God Amen. I Joseph Whitmore of the State of South Carolina and District of Laurens being weak in body but of sound & disposing mind, memory, and understanding, praised be to God for the same do make this my last will, in manner following: I give and devise unto my only son, George Whit-



more, one negro man named Peter, and if the s'd negro should be the longest liver, to be free at his death; Also I give to him one tract of land Surveyed by Thomas Young containing one hundred and fifty Acres; fifty acres, lying on the South side of Duncans Creek for ever the other part of the tract or one hundred acres lying on the North side of s'd creek during his natural life; Also I give grant and devise unto my Daughter Sarah Duncan, one negro woman named Phillis; who if she should live longer than my Daughter to be Free at her Death; Also I give grant, and devise unto my grand son George Whitmore one Negro man named Bob. not to be taken into his Custody till he is twenty one years of age. Also it is my will and Desire that at my Death my old negro woman named Abba be set free immediately. Also it is my will and pleasure that Young Abba shall have her choice which of my children she would go to live with together with her own children, that child of mine with whom she makes choice to live, to pay up to the other Legatees agreeably to the worth of S'd wench and children. Also it is my will that all the residue of my property; not heretofore mentioned or disposed of let it be or consist of what it may it is my request that it be Sold and then the money, equally Divided among all my Children them that are alive to take it into their hands and those that are dead, their heirs to take their Parents Distributive Share and equally divide it among them: And I do nominate, constitute & and appoint my Son George Whitmore Sole Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all and every other will or wills at any time heretofore by me made; and do declare this to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Joseph Whitmore have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty seventh Day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and three.

Signed, sealed, declared & published  
by the above named Joseph Whitmore, as  
and for his last will and testament, in  
the presence of us, who, at his request,  
& in his presence, have subscribed our  
names as witnesses thereto.

Whitmore Jones	his
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Reuben Flanagan	mark
State of South Carolina	
District Laurens	
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### Memorandum

The within will of the within named Joseph Whitmore Deceased was proven before me by Whitmore Jones and Ruben Flannigan two of the subscribing witnesses to the within will this the 26 day of November 1804.

David Anderson, Ord'y.

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D'd Anderson Ord'y.

### VALEDICTORY

The editor of this work regrets that he discovered an amazing indifference among the living members of the Avinger and related families concerning their ancestry. For this reason the printing of this genealogical survey has been limited to only enough copies to meet the advanced expressed demand.

To you, reader, the editor is grateful for your interest and cooperation, and extends to you sincere thanks on behalf of his deceased wife who labored so long and lovingly to compile the information herein presented.

Charleston, S. C.  
August, 1961.



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## ERRATA

- No. 64. Change Electra C. Patrick to read Electra C. Irick.
- No. 87. Add: V. A. C. Montgomery.
- No. 116. Change  
III Grace Avinger (6). She married S. Ashton Collier. He died Oct. 31, 1954, then she married Corsey Y. McCants. She was an active member and officer of the Elloree Chapter, U. D. C.  
  
IV Eula Lee Avinger (6). She married David Ross Daniel of Lake City, S.C.
- No. 117. Change Marcelle Harvey to read Marcelle Duncan. They had two daughters:  
I Jennie Ruth Avinger (6). Married Andrew C. Perkins.  
  
II Juanita Avinger (6). Married Milton Alsbrook.

